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MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
Arch. Henderson.....	1810.....	*Chas. Benedict.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. Andrews, C. E.
Wm. Macalister.....	Sept., 1830.....		Metis	Metis, C. E.
*Wm. Taylor, D.D.....	March 24, 1831....	*J. C. Becket.....	Montreal Legauchetiere-st.	Montreal, C.E.
*David Black	Sept., 1837.....		Chateauguay.....	Chateauguay, C. E.
*Wm. B. Clark.....	Sept., 1839.....	*James Hossack.....	Quebec	Quebec.
Thomas Henry.....	1840.....	*John Meikle.....	Lachute	Lachute, C. E.
*Jas. Watson, A.M.....	Aug. 29, 1849.....	*William White.....	Huntingdon	Huntingdon, C. E.
*Daniel Gordon.....	October, 1849.....	M. McGregor.....	Indian Lands	Athol, C. W.
*Alex. F. Kemp.....	Jan. 29, 1851.....	*Wm. Lighthall.....	Montreal, St. Gabriel-st....	Montreal, C. E.
William Scott.....	Feb. 23, 1853.....		St. Sylvester	St. Sylvester, C. E.
*Ewan McLean.....	Nov. 1, 1853		Stornoway.....	Stornoway, C. E.
*Duncan Cameron.....	March 3, 1854.....	*D. Cattanach.....	Lochiel	Lochiel, C. W.
*John Anderson.....	Oct. 11, 1854.....	*George Munro.....	Lancaster, &c.	Lancaster, C. W.
*Jas. McConechy.....	March, 1855	*John Allan.....	Leeds	Leeds, C. E.
*John Crombie.....	August 8, 1855....	*P. Peebles	Inverness	Inverness, C. E.
*Peter Currie.....	Feb. 19, 1856.....	*R. McKillican	Vankleek Hill	Vankleekhill.
*Alex. Young.....	Jan. 28, 1857.....	*W. McKell.....	English River & Durham.	Howick, C. E.
*Alex. Allan	Feb. 26, 1858.....	Hugh McColl.....	St. Eustache, &c.	St. Eustache, C. E.
*Adam F. M Queen.....	Dec. 15, 1858	*J. R. McKenzie.....	Kenyon.....	Skye, C. W.
*John Milloy.....	February, 1859...	*D. McKay, jun.....	Lingwick	Gould, C. E.
*John Mackie.....	May 18, 1859.....	John McOwat.....	Lachute	Lachute, C. E.
*John Mackay	May 26, 1859.....		Richmond	Melbourne, C. E.
*D. H. McVicar.....	Oct. 19, 1859.....	*John Redpath.....	Montreal, Cote-street.....	Montreal, C. E.
*Jas. Greenfield	Nov. 24, 1859.....	*John Urquhart.....	Martintown, &c.	Martintown, C. W.
*D. Paterson.....	1860.....		St. Andrew's.....	St. Andrews, C. E.
*W. Coulthart	Nov. 22, 1860.....	*James Dryden.....	St. Louis de Gonzague, &c.	Valleyfield. C. E.
*Robt. Binnie.....	May 29, '61.....	*John Murray.....	New Glasgow.....	New Glasgow, C. E.

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*Wm. Aitken	October 1, 1839....	*George Foster	Smith's Falls.....	Smith's Falls.
*Simon C. Fraser	March, 1844	*John Forrest.....	McNab	White Lake.
*Thos. Wardrope.....	Aug. 13, 1845	*John Durie.....	Ottawa.....	Ottawa.
*John McKinnon.....	Feb. 4, 1846		Beckwith and Ashton	Carlton Place.
*Jas. B. Duncan.....	July 1, 1848.....	*Ralph Smith.....	Perth	Perth.
*J. L. Gourlay, A.M....	March, 1851	Hugh Gourlay.....	Aylmer and Nepean.....	Aylmer, C. E.
*David Wardrope.....	June 5, 1855.....	*George Hay	Bristol.....	Bristol, C. E.
*Henry McMeekin....	March 25, 1857.....		Pembroke	Pembroke.
*James Whyte	Nov. 24, 1858.....	*D. Campbell.....	Osgoode.....	Osgoode.
*Wm. McKenzie.....	Dec. 8, 1858	*A. Toshach	Ramsay.....	Almonte.
*Wm. Lochead	Sept. 20, 1859.....		Renfrew.....	Renfrew.
*John McEwen.....	Dec. 7, 1859.....	*William Lough.....	Cumberland, &c.	Cumberland.
*Robert Scott	Nov. 23, 1860.....		Pakenham.....	Pekenham.

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*Wm. B. Clark.....	Sept., 1839.....	*James Hossack.....	Quebec	Quebec.
Thomas Henry.....	1840.....	*John Meikle.....	Lachute	Lachute, C. E.
*Jas. Watson, A.M.....	Aug. 29, 1849.....	*William White.....	Huntingdon	Huntingdon, C. E.
*Daniel Gordon.....	October, 1849.....	M. McGregor.....	Indian Lands	Athol, C. W.
*Alex. F. Kemp.....	Jan. 29, 1851.....	*Wm. Lighthall.....	Montreal, St. Gabriel-st....	Montreal, C. E.
William Scott.....	Feb. 23, 1853.....		St. Sylvester	St. Sylvester, C. E.
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*Duncan Cameron.....	March 3, 1854.....	*D. Cattanach.....	Lochiel	Lochiel, C. W.
*John Anderson.....	Oct. 11, 1854.....	*George Munro.....	Lancaster, &c.	Lancaster, C. W.
*Jas. McConechy.....	March, 1855	*John Allan.....	Leeds	Leeds, C. E.
*John Crombie.....	August 8, 1855....	*P. Peebles	Inverness	Inverness, C. E.
*Peter Currie.....	Feb. 19, 1856.....	*R. McKillican	Vankleek Hill	Vankleekhill.
*Alex. Young.....	Jan. 28, 1857.....	*W. McKell.....	English River & Durham.	Howick, C. E.
*Alex. Allan	Feb. 26, 1858.....	Hugh McColl.....	St. Eustache, &c.	St. Eustache, C. E.
*Adam F. M'Queen.....	Dec. 15, 1858	*J. R. McKenzie.....	Kenyon.....	Skye, C. W.
*John Milloy.....	February, 1859...	*D. McKay, jun.....	Lingwick	Gould, C. E.
*John Mackie.....	May 18, 1859.....	John McOwat.....	Lachute	Lachute, C. E.
*John Mackay	May 26, 1859.....		Richmond	Melbourne, C. E.
*D. H. McVicar.....	Oct. 19, 1859.....	*John Redpath.....	Montreal, Cote-street.....	Montreal, C. E.
*Jas. Greenfield	Nov. 24, 1859.....	*John Urquhart.....	Martintown, &c.	Martintown, C. W.
*D. Paterson.....	1860.....		St. Andrew's.....	St. Andrews, C. E.
*W. Coulthart	Nov. 22, 1860.....	*James Dryden.....	St. Louis de Gonzague, &c.	Valleyfield. C. E.
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*Thos. Wardrope.....	Aug. 13, 1845	*John Durie.....	Ottawa.....	Ottawa.
*John McKinnon.....	Feb. 4, 1846		Beckwith and Ashton	Carlton Place.
*Jas. B. Duncan.....	July 1, 1848.....	*Ralph Smith.....	Perth	Perth.
*J. L. Gourlay, A.M....	March, 1851	Hugh Gourlay.....	Aylmer and Nepean.....	Aylmer, C. E.
*David Wardrope.....	June 5, 1855.....	*George Hay	Bristol.....	Bristol, C. E.
*Henry McMeekin....	March 25, 1857.....		Pembroke	Pembroke.
*James Whyte	Nov. 24, 1858.....	*D. Campbell.....	Osgoode.....	Osgoode.
*Wm. McKenzie.....	Dec. 8, 1858	*A. Toshach	Ramsay.....	Almonte.
*Wm. Lochead	Sept. 20, 1859.....		Renfrew.....	Renfrew.
*John McEwen.....	Dec. 7, 1859.....	*William Lough.....	Cumberland, &c.	Cumberland.
*Robert Scott	Nov. 23, 1860.....		Pakenham.....	Pekenham.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
Robt. Boyd, D.D.	Feb. 8, 1821	*Joseph Reid	Prescott	Prescott.
*John Morrison	May 12, 1829	T. Rutherford	Madrid	Waddington, N. Y.
*Wm. Lochead	December, 1830	*Thos. Duncan	Gloucester	Kars.
*Andrew Melville	Feb. 26, 1846	*William Elliott	Spencerville, &c.	Spencerville.
*John C Quin	Sept., 1850	Walter Ker	Kemptville	Kemptville.
*Jas. K. Smith	February, 1853	*A. Sherwood	Brockville	Brockville.
*Robt. McKenzie	August, 1853	Geo. McNish	Lyn, &c.	Lyn.
*Hugh Campbell	Sept. 20, 1854	*Joseph Kilgour.	Cornwall	Cornwall.
*D.E. Montgomery	May 18, 1858	A. Carson	S. Gower and Mountain	South Gower.
*Nath. Paterson	July 19. 1859	John Muir	Merrickville	Merrickville.
*James Thom	Oct. 23. 1859	*A.C. Colquhoun	Morrisburgh. &c.	Morrisburgh.
*Archibald Lees	May 16. 1860	*Jas. Forsyth	North Augusta, &c.	Farmersville.
*A. Matheson	Nov. 28, 1860	R. Markell	Osnabruck	Lunenburgh.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*William Smart	April 7, 1811		Lansdowne	Lansdowne.
*James McIntosh	1828		Amherst Island	Amherst Island.
*Henry Gordon	May 14, 1833	*Arch. Ramsay	Gananoque	Gananoque.
James Hume	Feb. 20, 1844	*Wm. Campbell	Melrose and Roslin	Melrose.
*Patrick Gray	Sept., 1846	Dr.J.R. Dickson	Kingston, Chalmers' Ch.	Kingston.
*Robt. C. Swinton	1850		Pict n	Picton.
*Andrew Wilson	Jan. 29, 1851	J. McLaughlin	Kingston, Brock-street	Kingston.
*John Scott	May 29, 1853	*Mr Ballantyne *Mr. Chinery	Napanee Ernestown	Napanee.
*Wm. McLaren	June 1, 1853	*A. G. Northrup	Belleville	Belleville.
*T. S. Chambers	May 23, 1855		Stor'ington, &c.	Bat'ersea.
*David Wishart	April 6, 1857		Madoc	Madoc.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
Jas. Douglass	June, 1823	J.D.Armstrong	South Cavan, &c.	Millbrook.
*John M. Roger	March 29, 1833	*R. Kingan	Peterboro'	Peterboro'.
*John Cassie.†	Sept. 2, 1834	*John Lees	Port Hope	Port Hope.
*Thos. Alexander	March, 1835		Percy and Seymour	Norham.
*John Paterson	1840	John Murdoch	Verulam, &c.	Lindsay.
*John Ewing	June, 1846	*Thomas Best	Emily	Mount Pleasant.
*John Smith	April, 1849	*Wm. Glover	Grafton and Vernonville	Grafton.
James R. Scott	June 6, 1849	*S. Martin Arch. Trew	Perrytown Oak Hills	Perrytown.
*W. J. McKenzie	October 5, 1850	*John McLeod	Baltimore, &c.	Baltimore.
*Fras. Andrews	1851	*James Becket	Keene and Westwood	Keene.
*John Laing	June, 1854	*C. H. Morgan	Cobourg	Cobourg.
*William Blain	July, 1854	*A. Robertson	Springville	Springville.
*James Bowie	May 15, 1855	*Henry Fowlds	Norwood and Hastings	Norwood.
*Peter Duncan	Oct. 27, 1857		Colborne and Brighton	Colborne.
Peter McDermid	March 6, 1860		Bowmanton, &c.	Bowmanton.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POSE-OFFICE.
*R.H.Thornton D.D.	April, 1833	*John Michael	Oshawa and Whitby	Oshawa.
*Alex. Kennedy	Sept. 30, 1835	*John Parker	Dunbarton and Canton	Dunbarton.
Geo. Lawrence	April 18, 1837	John Hillen	Clarke	Orono.
*Robt. Monteath	April 29, 1841	*John McGill	Prince Albert	Prince Albert.
*John Baird, M.A.	Jan. 18, 1843	*Jas. Allison Wm. Young	Erskine Ch., Pickering Claremont	Claremont.
*John McTavish	1844	*D. Gilchrist	Woodville	Woodville.
*John McLachlan	Oct. 26. 1846	*John Gunn	Beaverton	Beaverton.
Wm. C. Windell	Nov. 2, 1847		Cartwright & Ballyduff	Ballyduff.
*John Smith	Sept. 2, 1851	*John Smart	Bowmanville, &c.	Bowmanville.
*Robert McArthur	Nov. 29, 1854		Brock and Reach	Wick.
*Thomas Sharp	May, 1857	*A. Barclay	Ashburn and Utica	Ashburn.
*John M. King	Oct. 27, 1857	*Robt. Ratcliff	Columbus	Columbus.
*George Riddell	Oct. 2, 1858	*Wm. Mitchell	Newton and Newcastle	Clarke.

† Mr. Cassie died at Port Hope on the 19th June.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*Robt. Burns, D.D.	July 19, 1811		Professor, Knox College	Toronto.
*M. Willis, D D.	1821		Principal, Knox College	Toronto.
James Harris	July 10, 1823		Without charge	Eglinton.
*William Fraser	Sept. 2, 1834	*J. Cerswell *Jas. Dickson	West Gwillimbury Essa	Bond Head.
*David Coutts	1836	*Jas. Young Jas. Nelson	1st Chinguacousy 2nd Chinguacousy	Mayfield.
*Alexander Topp	January, 1838	*J. McMurrich	Toronto, Knox Church	Toronto.
*J. Jennings, D.D.	July, 1838	*Jas. Alexander.	Toronto, Bay-street	Toronto.
*Peter Glassford	Oct. 10, 1838	*Wm Archer J. Dalziel	Vaughan Albion	Coleraine.
*Wm. Reid, A.M.	Jan. 29, 1840		Agent for Schemes of Ch.	Toronto.
*A. T. Holmes	May, 1842	David McClure	Brampton, &c.	Brampton.
*James Dick	Dec. 22, 1842	*Benj. Jenkins	Richmond Hill, &c.	Richmond Hill.
*J. A. F. S. Fayette, A.M.	Dec. 13, 1843	*Jas. Agnew S. Steel	1st Tecumseth 2nd Tecumseth	Tottenham.
Thos. Wightman	Feb., 1844	J. Alexander	Innisfil, Barrie, &c.	Lefroy.
*John Corbett	Jan., 1847		Mono	Mono Centre.
*William Gregg	June, 1847	Jos. McAulay	Toronto, Cooke's Church.	Toronto.
*Geo. P. Young	1847		Professor, Knox College	Toronto.
*James Pringle	Jan. 19, 1848	*Jas. Haggart	Brampton	Brampton.
*James Nisbet	Jan., 1850	*John Barclay	Oakville. &c.	Oakville.
*Robert Ure	October, 1850	*Isaac Weylie	Streetsville	Streetsville.
*J Alexander, A.M.	May, 1851	*D. Henderson	Norval and Union	Norval.
*John Gray	May, 1851	*John Brown	Orillia and East Oro.	Orillia.
John Black	July 31, 1851	*D. McLellan	Red River	Red River.
*James Adams	July, 1852		King	Nobleton.
*Robert Jamieson	June 28, 1854	*W. D. Stark	York Mills & Fisherville	York Mills.
*James Mitchell	Feb., 1857	*James Court	Milton & Boston Church	Milton.
*Alex. McFaul	March 17, 1858	S. Johnson T. Buckham	Caledon Orangeville	Caledon.
*James Stewart	May, 1859		Oro	Oro.
*George Craw	Dec., 1859		Medonte and Flos	Craighurst.
*Julius Straus	April, 1860		Markham	Buttonville.
*D. H. Fletcher	Nov., 1860	*W. Clark, sen	Scarboro'	Agincourt.
		*Wm. Kerr	Toronto, Gould-street	Toronto.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POSS-OFFICE.
George Smellie	March, 1836	*A. D. Ferrier	Fergus	Fergus.
*John Duff	Aug. 10, 1836	*John Keith. *R. McRae	Elora Alma	Elora.
*William Barrie	Jan. 4, 1843	*T. Armstrong	Eramosa	Guelph.
*J. Thomson, D.D.	March 28, 1844	*M.C. Lutz	Galt	Galt.
*Robert Torrance	Nov. 11, 1846	*J. Armstrong	Guelph	Guelph.
*A. J. McAulay	March 15, 1854		Nassagaweya	Nassagaweya.
*Jas. A. Thompson	July 25, 1855	George Ewan	Erin and Caledon	Erin.
*Alex. McLean	Nov., 1855	A. McKenzie	East Puslinch	Morriston.
*Jas. Middlemiss	June 3, 1856	*A. Burnett	Elora	Elora.
Andrew McLean	March 10, 1857		West Puslinch	Puslinch.
John James	Sept. 29. 1857	*J. Dalgleish	Galt	Galt.
*Geo. Cuthbertson	Oct. 7, 1857	Wm. Veitch	Woolwich	Winterbourne.
*Wm. Millican	Sept. 21, 1859	Robt. J. Black	Garafraxa	Garafraxa.
*John McMechan	Dec. 15, 1859	*Geo. Davidson	Berlin	Berlin.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
Thomas Christie			Flamboro'	Flamboro'.
James Findlay	June 12, 1827	James Berry	Waterdown & Well'g'n Sq.	Waterdown.
*George Cheyne	1831	Wm. Brown	Saltfleet and Binbrook	Tapleytown.
*Mark Y. Stark	Sept. 21, 1833	*Alex. Ogg	Dundas	Dundas.
*R. Irvine, D.D.	Nov. 13, 1840		Hamilton, Knox Church.	Hamilton.
*John Porteous	Dec. 7, 1842	*John Malcom	Beverly	Kirkwall.
*A. McLean, A.M.	Feb. 14, 1843		Kilbride and Nairn Ch.	Kilbride.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON—*Continued.*

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*David Inglis	1846	*Robert Hopkin	Hamilton, McNab-street	Hamilton.
*Robt. F. Burns	July 1, 1847	*Peter Christie	St. Catherines	St Catharines.
*Wm. M. Christie	Oct. 3, 1849	*James Walker	Chippawa / Crowland	Chippawa.
*W. Ormiston, D.D.	Oct. 23, 1849	*C. McQuesten	Hamilton	Hamilton.
*James Black	Nov. 9, 1853	*Alex. Mitchell	Caledonia, &c.	Seneca.
*John Lees	July 10, 1855	*J. Robertson / *John Walker / *John Forbes	Ancaster Village / Ancaster East / Ancaster West	Ancaster.
*Wm. Craigie	June 5, 1856	*John Scott	Port Dalhousie	Port Dover.
*John Rennie	April 22, 1857	*Salmon Minor	Drummondville, &c.	Dunnville.
*John McRobie	Oct. 21, 1857		Walpole and Jarvis	Jarvis.
*John G. Murray	July 7, 1858	D. Campbell	Grimsby	Grimsby.
*Finlay McCuaig	Nov. 28, 1860		Port Dalhousie & Niagara	Port Dalhousie.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*Joseph Young	Oct. 21, 1829	*Adam Ker	Brantford	Brantford.
*David Caw	Dec. 15, 1830	*Mr. Telfer	Paris	Paris.
*John Gillespie	June 19, 1845	Adam Allison	Blenheim	Princeton.
*William Inglis	Dec. 23, 1847	John Bain	Woodstock	Woodstock.
*Arch. Cross	Aug. 17, 1848	*Wm. Harkness	Ingersoll	Ingersoll.
*William S. Ball	Feb. 28, 1849		Agent U. C. Bible Society	Woodstock.
*Duncan McIluer	Nov. 25, 1851	*Wm. Alexander	Ayr	Ayr.
D. McDiarmid	May 26, 1852		Woodstock, Chalmers Ch.	Woodstock.
*John Dunbar	May 18, 1853	*James Smith	Glenmorris	Glenmorris.
*Andrew Tolmie	June 2, 1853		Blandford and Innerkip	Innerkip.
*G. Tweedie, M.D.	July 14, 1853	Arch. McLaren	Tilsonburgh	Dereham.
*Wm. T. McMullen	Nov. 5, 1856		Woodstock, Knox Church	Woodstock.
*John Straith	Jan. 30, 1857	Donald Ross	Ingersoll	Ingersoll.
*W. Robertson, M.A.	Jan. 26, 1859	John Shell	Blandford	Chesterfield.
Wm. Peattie	Jan. 24, 1860	George Bryce	Mount Pleasant	Mohawk.
*R. Hume, M.A.	May 22, 1860	*Robert Christie	St. George	St. George.
*William Donald	Oct. 31, 1860	*James Barr	Norwichville	Norwichville.
		*Wm. Richmond	West Dumfries	Ayr.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
Duncan McMillan	May 26, 1831		Aldborough	Aldboro.
Donald McKenzie	1834	Wm McKenzie	Zorra	Embro.
*James Skinner	March 31, 1834	*A. J. Caverhill / *Jas. Fraser	English Settlement / Proof Line	Birr P. O.
John Fraser	1845		Thamesford	Thamesford.
*A. W. Waddell	Dec. 28, 1847	James Laird	Harwich	Ridgetown.
Angus McColl	Feb., 1848		Chatham	Chatham.
*W. R. Sutherland	Feb. 16, 1848	Wm. McBain	Ekfrid	Strathburn.
J. J. A. Proudfoot	July 16, 1848	Alex. Smith	London	London.
L. McPherson	Feb. 7, 1849	Donald Waters	Williams	Williams.
*David Walker	July 25, 1850	*Arch. Young	Sarnia	Sarnia.
John Scott	October, 1850	*Wm. Clark	London	London.
*William King	May 14, 1851	R. Vanvrankin	Buxton	Buxton.
*William Troup	Aug. 7, 1851	W. Robertson	Plympton	Errol.
Jas. W. Chesnut	March 10, 1853	James Brown	Mandawmin, &c.	Oban.
*William Deas	Sept. 7, 1853	*John Ross / J. Thomson	Warwick / Adelaide	Wisbeach.
*William Walker	Oct. 25, 1853		Chatham	Chatham.
*Jas. Ferguson	Nov. 21, 1855	Duncan McBean	Lobo and Carradoc	Lobo.
*John McMillan	Jan. 26, 1857	*P. Barber	Fingal	Fingal.
*William Forrest	Feb. 18, 1857	John McKenzie	Ridgetown	Ridgetown.
*Stephen Balmer	July 22, 1858	Thomas Cavel	Detroit	Detroit, Michigan.
*William Fletcher	Feb. 16, 1859	*Robt. Scott	Carlisle	Falkirk.
*A. McDiarmid	April 27, 1859	D. McMillan	Wallacetown	Wallacetown.
*Neil McKinnon	Feb. 21, 1861		Wardsville	Wardsville.
		*R. Fleming	Westminster	
		Alex. Bartlett	Windsor	
		Wm. Webster	Florence	
			Grant County, Wisconsin.	

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
James Duncan	1834	James Pollok	Bayfield	Bayfield.
*Walter Inglis	Nov., 1842	Wm. Miller / John Moffatt	Kincardine / McKenzie's Corners	Kincardine.
*William Graham	Jan. 15, 1845	R. Turnbull	Egmondville	Egmondville.
John Logie	Dec. 2, 1849	Geo. Thomson	Warrensville	Rodgerville.
*John Ross	Sept. 29, 1851	Geo. Walker	Brucefield	Brucefield.
*Matthew Barr	Feb. 14, 1854	D. Campbell	McKillop	Harpurhay.
*Wm. C. Young	Sept. 6, 1854	Mr. Taylor	Turnberry	Morrisbank.
*A. D. McDonald	April 28, 1859	*Wm. Murray	Clinton	Clinton.
*John Stewart	Aug. 3, 1859		Kincardine	Kincardine.
Arch. Currie	Sept. 7, 1860		Blythe, Manchester, &c.	Blythe.
Alex. McKay	April 20, 1860		South Bruce	Tiverton.
		*H. D. Cameron	Goderich	

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*Thomas Lowry	Sept. 24, 1833	Alex. Rae	Mornington	West's Corners.
*Thos. McPherson	Oct. 10, 1836	*R. Donaldson	Stratford	Stratford.
Daniel Allan	Oct. 21, 1838		North Easthope	Stratford.
Wm. Meldrum	March, 1840	Wm. McKenzie	Harrington	Harrington.
*James Boyd	July 7, 1847		Wellesley	Crosshill.
*A. A. Drummond	Oct. 20, 1847	Geo Worsley / *Peter Stewart	Shakespeare / North Easthope	Shakespeare.
*William Caven	Oct. 7, 1852	M. McCallum	St. Mary's	St. Mary's.
*William Doak	Feb. 14, 1855	Geo. Armstrong	Downie, Avon Church, &c.	Stratford.
*J. Fotheringham	Feb. 26, 1856	Alex. Duncan	Hibbert	Cromarty.
*David Beattie	April 23, 1857	*Matthew Reid	Mornington	Millbank.
*Robt. Hamilton	June 30, 1858	James Muir / John Cavan	Downie / Fullarton	Avonbank.
*Robt. Hall	April 17, 1860	D. Chalmers / T. Fothering	Nissouri / Fish Creek	St. Mary's.

PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

MINISTERS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST-OFFICE.
*Thos. Stevenson	June 21, 1840	*D. Christie	Owen Sound	Owen Sound.
*Robert Dewar	Oct. 17, 1855	*G. Harkness	Lake Shore	Leith.
Robt. C. Moffatt	Oct. 14, 1857	R. Gouinlock	Walkerton	Walkerton.
Alex. Grant	Aug. 4, 1858		Owen Sound	Owen Sound.
*James Cameron	Feb. 16, 1859	Jas. Mitchell	Sullivan and Glenelg	Sullivan.
*William Park	May 18, 1859		Durham	Bentinck.
*George Bremner	Feb. 15, 1860		Paisley	Paisley.
*Donald McLean	May 31, 1860	John Martin	Mount Forest, &c.	Mount Forest.
*Charles Cameron	1861		Rocky Saugeen, &c.	Priceville.
		Robert Young	Southampton	
		Jas. Rowand	Dunblane	
		M. McGill	West Brant	
		James Milligan	Normanby	
		Geo. Cromar	Riversdale	
		Wm. Pringle	Culrosa	
		E. Clark	Meaford	
		David Black	Euphresia	
		John Gorrie	North Brant	
		Robert Kane	West Bentinck	

MEETING OF SYNOD

OF

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At the City of Montreal, and within the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James' Street, there, the sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one years, seven o'clock in the evening.

Synod of Pres. Church of Canada and Synod of United Pres. Ch. in Canada meet for consummation of Union.

At which time and place the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, in terms of resolutions previously agreed upon by both Synods, each respectively in a constituted capacity, both the moderators presiding, for the purpose of constituting a Union according to arrangements previously made and agreed to by both the Synods.

Devotional exercises by Dr. Thornton.

The proceedings were commenced by the Rev. Robert H. Thornton, D.D., the senior moderator, giving out for praise the 102nd Psalm (long metre), verses 13-18. The psalm being sung, Dr. Thornton read the 132 psalm, and engaged in prayer.

Roll of Synod of United Pres. Church called.

The Clerk of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, called the roll of that Body, the members answering to their names. There were present the following Ministers and Elders.

Sederunt.

Ministers.—Messrs. James Skinner, Alex. W. Waddel, Wm. Inglis, Wm. Caven, Wm. Walker, W. Deas, John Fotheringham, Robert Hamilton, Stephen Balmer, William Fletcher, Robert Hall, John Porteous, Wm. M. Christie, Wm. Ormiston, D.D., John Lees, Robert Hume, M. A., Alex. Kennedy, Wm. Fraser, David Coutts, John Jennings, D.D., Peter Glassford, James Dick, John Baird, M. A., J.F.A.S. Fayette, M. A., James Pringle, Alex. McFaul, W. Taylor, D.D., John Morrison, James Watson, A.M., John Mackie, Robt. Binnie, Jas. Macintosh, R.H. Thornton, D.D., John Cassie, A.M., Wm. Aitken, John Ewing, John Scott, Robert Monteath, John M. King, M. A., George Riddell, John Paterson, Robert Scott, John Duff, Wm. Barrie, Robert Torrance, Joseph Young, David Caw, Thomas Lowry, Alex. A. Drummond Archibald Cross, John Dunbar, Gilbert Tweedie, M. D., Wm. Robertson, M.A., William Donald, Thomas Stevenson, Walter Inglis, Robert Dewar, Matthew Barr, W. C. Young.

Elders.—A. J. Caverhill, James Fraser, John Ross, Robert Scott, Robert Fleming, John Malcolm, James Walker, John Robertson, John Walker, Robert Forbes, Robert Christie, Wm. Richmond, John Parker, John Cerswell, James Dickson, James Young, James Alexander, William Archer, James Allison, James Haggart, William Kerr, John C. Becket, Wm. White, John

Murray, John Michael, John Lees, George Foster, Thoms Best, Samuel Martin, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Chinery, John McGill, Robert Ratcliff, William Mitchell, John Keith, James Armstrong, James Dalgleish, Adam Ker, Mr. Telfer, Peter Stewart, Wm. Harkness, James Smith, James Barr, David Christie, Gideon Harkness, H. D. Cameron.

Roll of Synod of Presbyterian Church of Canada called.

The Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada then called the roll of that body, the members answering to their names. There were present the following Ministers and Ruling Elders.

Ministers.—Messrs. Henry Gordon, P. Gray, R. C. Swinton, Andrew Wilson, Wm. McLaren, T. S. Chambers, David Wishart, William Smart, Wm. Lochead, sen., Andrew Melville, J. C. Quin, Robert McKenzie, J. K. Smith, Donald E. Montgomery, Nathaniel Paterson, Archibald Lees, Simon C. Fraser, Thomas Wardrope, John McKinnon, James B. Duncan, J. L. Gourlay, David Wardrope, James Whyte, Wm. McKenzie, J. McEwen, William Lochead, jur., Henry McMeekin, David Black, William B. Clark, Daniel Gordon, A. F. Kemp, Ewan McLean, Duncan Cameron, Hugh Campbell, John Anderson, James McConechy, John Crombie, Peter Currie, Alexander Young, Alexander Allan, Adam F. McQueen, John McKay, John Milloy, Donald H. McVicar, James Thom, Jas. Greenfield, Daniel Paterson, Walter Coulthard, Alexander Matheson, Thomas McPherson, Wm. Graham, W. R. Sutherland, Lachlan McPherson, W. S. Ball, David Walker, Wm. Troup, William King, John Ross, Andrew Tolmie, W. Doak, James Ferguson, John Stewart, W. F. McMullen, John McMillan, John Straith, Wm. Forrest, David Beattie, Arch. W. Diarmid, Alex. D. McDonald, Geo. Bremner, Neal McKinnon, Geo. Cheyne, M.Y. Stark, A. McLean (Kilbride), Duncan McRuer, James Black, Andrew J. McAuley, R. Irvine, D.D., David Inglis, R. F. Burns, John Gillespie, Alex. McLean (E. Puslinch), Jas. Middlemiss, Wm. Craigie, Geo. Cuthbertson, John McRobie, John G. Murray, Jas. Cameron, W. Millican, Jas. Boyd, John McMechan, Donald McLean, John Rennie, Finlay McCuaig, J. Thomson, D.D., Chas. Cameron, Robt. Burns, D.D., Alex. Topp, A.M., W. Reid, A.M., A. T. Holmes, John McTavish, J. McLachlan, John Corbett, W. Gregg, A.M., G. P. Young, Jas. Nisbet, Robert Ure, John Gray, Joseph Alexander, James Adams, Robt. Jamieson, R. McArthur, Jas. A. Thompson, James Mitchell, Thomas Sharp, James Stewart, George Craw, Julius Straus, D. H. Fletcher, J. M. Roger, T. Alexander, J. W. Smith, John Smith, W. J. McKenzie, Francis Andrews, John Laing, Wm. Blain, James Bowie, Peter Duncan.

Elders.—A Ramsay, W. Campbell, A. G. Northrup, Joseph Reid, T. Duncan, Wm. Elliott, Sheriff Sherwood, James Forsyth, John Forrest, John Durie, G. Hay, R. Smith, Donald Campbell, Andrew Toshach, Wm. Lough, C. Benedict, J. Meikle, James Hossack, Wm. Lighthall, Donald Cattanach, Jos. Kilgour, G. Munro, John Allan, P. Peebles, Robt. McKillican, Wm. McKell, J. R. McKenzie, D. McKay, jun., John Redpath, A. C. Colquhoun, John Urquhart, Jas. Dryden, Ralph Donaldson, David Waters,

Wm. Clark, Archibald Young, P. Barber, M. Reid, W. Murray, Alex. Ogg, Alex. D. Ferrier, Wm. Alexander, Alexr. Mitchell, R. Hopkin, Peter Christie, Alex. Burnett, John Scott, Geo. Davidson, Salmon Minor, M. C. Lutz, A. Emslie, John Tainsh, J. McMurrich, Donald Gilchrist, John Gunn, John Barclay, Isaac Weylie, John Brown, D. Henderson, Donald McLellan, W. D. Stark, James Cant, Andrew Barclay, Wm. Clark, sen., Wm. Heron, Duncan Kennedy, Robert Kingan, C. H. Morgan, Wm. Glover, John McLeod, Jas. Becket, John Smart, Alexander Robertson, Henry Fowlds.

Minute of Synod of United Pres. Church read.

The Moderator of the United Presbyterian Synod called upon the Clerk of that Synod to read the last minute of that Body. The minute was accordingly read of the tenor following:

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, considering that a Basis of Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada has been prepared and adopted by the Synods of both the Churches, and upon being remitted for the consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions, has been by them accepted and approved; and considering that all other preliminary arrangements have been, by the help of God, completed, Do now, recounting with fervent gratitude, all the goodness and mercy which her Divine Head has vouchsafed in the past to the United Presbyterian Church in Canada; blessing his holy name for having led them and their brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to such a measure of harmony of sentiment, and cordiality of feeling; humbly trusting that the God of peace will accord His sanction to the solemn and interesting step which they are about to take; and earnestly praying that the reviving, sanctifying, and comforting influences of the Holy Spirit may largely descend on the united Church, to enable her Ministers, Elders, and People, to value and improve the privileges they enjoy, and perform the duties incumbent on them: RESOLVE, and hereby record their resolution, forthwith to repair as a constituted Synod to the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James' Street, the appointed place of meeting, that they may there, as arranged, unite with their brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and form one Synod to be designated and known as the Synod of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, praying that henceforth they may be enabled to walk together in the fear of God, and in the comforts of the Holy Ghost, striving together for the faith of the gospel, for the purity of divine ordinances, and for the increase of the Church of Christ; and this Synod declares that the united Synod shall be considered identical with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, and shall be entitled to, and shall have all the authority, rights, privileges and benefits to which this Synod is now entitled; and declaring further, that each of the congregations under its inspection, whether it shall adopt a name hereafter to be agreed upon, or shall retain, as it shall be permitted to do, the name by which it has hitherto been designated, shall not be held, though coming in consequence of the union under the inspection of the Synod of the united Church, as in any way changing its ecclesiastical connexion, or impairing any civil rights which it now possesses and enjoys.

Minute of Synod of Presbyterian Church of Canada read.

The Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, then called upon the Clerk of that Synod, who read the last minute of that Synod of the tenor following:

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, considering that a Basis of Union with the United Presbyterian Church in Canada has been prepared and adopted by the Synods of both the Churches, and upon being remitted for the consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions, has been by them accepted and approved; and considering that all other preliminary arrangements have been, by the help of God, completed, Do NOW, recounting with fervent gratitude all the goodness and mercy which her Divine Head has vouchsafed in the past to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, blessing His holy name for having led them and their brethren of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada to such a measure of harmony of sentiment and cordiality of feeling; humbly trusting that the God of all peace will accord His sanction to the solemn and interesting step which they are about to take, and earnestly praying that the reviving sanctifying, and comforting influences of the Holy Spirit may largely descend on the united Church, to enable her Ministers, Elders and People to value and improve the privileges they enjoy, and perform the duties incumbent on them: RESOLVE, and hereby record their resolution, forthwith to repair as a constituted Synod to the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James' Street, the appointed place of meeting, that they may there, as arranged, unite with their brethren of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada and form one Synod, to be designated and known as the Synod of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH; praying that henceforth they may be enabled to walk together in the fear of God and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, striving together for the faith of the Gospel, for the purity of divine ordinances, and for the increase of the Church of Christ, and the Synod declares that the united Synod shall be considered identical with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and shall be entitled to and shall have all the authority, rights, privileges, and benefits to which this Synod is now entitled, and declaring further that each of the congregations under its inspection, whether it shall adopt a name to be hereafter agreed upon, or shall retain, as it shall be permitted to do, the name by which it has hitherto been designated, shall not be held, though coming, in consequence of this union, under the inspection of the Synod of the united Church, as in any way changing its ecclesiastical connexion, or impairing any civil rights which it now possesses and enjoys.

Basis of Union read.

On the call of the Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Canada, the Clerk of the United Presbyterian Synod read the following *Basis of Union*, from a parchment roll, all the members of both Synods standing.

Basis of Union between the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, believing that it would be for the glory of God, and for the advancement of the cause of Christ in the land, that they should be united, and form one Church, do hereby agree to unite on the following Basis, to be subscribed by the Moderators of the respective Synods in their name and behalf; declaring, at the same time, that no inference from the fourth article of said Basis is held to be legitimate, which asserts that the Civil Magistrate has the right to prescribe the faith of the Church, or to interfere with the freedom of her ecclesiastical action; further, that unanimity of sentiment is not required in regard to the practical applications of the principle em-

bodied in the said fourth article, and that whatever differences of sentiment may arise on these subjects, all action in reference thereto shall be regulated by, and be subject to, the recognised principles of Presbyterian Church order.

I. OF HOLY SCRIPTURE.—That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the inspired Word of God, are the supreme and infallible rule of faith and life.

II. OF THE SUBORDINATE STANDARDS.—That the Westminister Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, are received by this Church as her Subordinate Standards.

But whereas certain sections of the said Confession of Faith, which treat of the power or duty of the Civil Magistrate, have been objected to, as teaching principles adverse both to the right of private judgment in religious matters, and to the perogative which Christ has vested in his Church, it is to be understood:

1. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is held by this Church, which would interfere with the fullest forbearance as to any difference of opinion which may prevail on the question of the endowment of the Church by the State.

2. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church, which would accord to the State any authority to violate the liberty of conscience and right of private judgment which are asserted in chap. xx. sec. 2, of the Confession: and in accordance with the statements of which, this Church holds that every person ought to be at full liberty to search the Scriptures for himself, and to follow out what he conscientiously believes to be the teaching of Scripture, without let or hinderance; provided that no one is to be allowed under the pretext of following the dictates of conscience, to interfere with the peace and good order of society.

3. That no interpretation or reception of these sections is required by this Church, which would admit of any interference on the part of the State with the spiritual independence of the Church, as set forth in Chap. XXX. of the Confession.

III. OF THE HEADSHIP OF CHRIST OVER THE CHURCH.—That the Lord Jesus Christ is the only King and Head of His Church; that He has made her free from all external or secular authority, in the administration of her affairs, and that she is bound to assert and defend this liberty to the utmost, and ought not to enter into such engagements with any party as would be prejudicial thereto.

IV. OF THE HEADSHIP OF CHRIST OVER THE NATIONS AND THE DUTY OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE.—That the Lord Jesus Christ, as Mediator, is invested with universal sovereignty, and is therefore King of Nations, and that all men, in every capacity and relation, are bound to obey His will as revealed in His Word; and particularly, that the Civil Magistrate (including under that term all who are in any way concerned in the Legislative or Administrative action of the State) is bound to regulate his official procedure, as well as his personal conduct, by the revealed will of Christ.

V. OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT.—That the system of polity established in the Westminster Form of Presbyterian Church Government, in so far as it declares a plurality of Elders for each congregation, the official equality of Presbyters, without any officers in the Church superior to the said Presbyters, and the unity of the Church,

in a due subordination of a smaller part to a larger, and of a larger to the whole, is the Government of this Church, and is, in the features of it herein set forth, believed by this Church to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God.

VI. Of Worship.—That the ordinances of worship shall be administered in this Church, as they have heretofore been, by the respective Bodies of which it is composed, in a general accordance with the directions contained in the Westminister Directory of Worship.

Declaration by Moderator of Synod of Pres. Ch. of Canada.

The Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada then said: I declare that in terms of the Articles of Union now read, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church of Canada, now unite with the Synod and Church of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, under the name of "The Canada Presbyterian Church."

Declaration by Moderator of Synod of United Pres. Church.

The Moderator of the United Presbyterian Synod then said: I declare that in terms of the Articles of Union, the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, and that Church now unite with the Synod and Church of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, under the name of "The Canada Presbyterian Church."

The two Moderators then shook hands in token of Union and fellowship, and their example was followed by the members of Synod.

Basis of Union signed.

Dr. Thornton and Mr. Gregg, the Moderators, then signed the Basis of Union on behalf of their respective Synods. Mr. Wm. Reid, and Mr. Wm. Fraser, the Clerks respectively of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, also signed the document as witnesses.

Synods and Churches declared to be now united.

First Synod constituted.

Dr. Thornton then said: I declare that the Synods and Churches now united form henceforth one Church, and that the first Synod of "The Canada Presbyterian Church" is now constituted, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and head of the Church.

Mr. Gregg then gave out the 122 Psalm, v. 6–9, which were sung,—engaged in prayer, and then gave out the 100th Psalm, which was also sung.

Dr. W. Taylor proposed as Moderator and unanimously elected.

Mr. Wm. B. Clark, of Quebec, now proposed in very cordial terms, that William Taylor, D. D., of Montreal, be elected the Moderator of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jennings, of Toronto, and was carried unanimously.

The Moderator was conducted to his place by the retiring Moderators, Dr. Thornton and Mr. Gregg, who occupied seats on either hand of the chair.

Mr. W. Reid and Mr. W. Fraser elected Synod Clerks.

On motion of Mr. Roger, of Peterboro', seconded by Mr. Caw, of Paris, Mr. William Reid, M.A., and Mr. Wm. Fraser, formerly Clerks respectively of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and of the United Presbyterian Synod, were unanimously chosen joint clerks of Synod.

Moderator addresses Synod.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod at some length, returning thanks for the honor conferred on him, and congratulating the Synod on the happy Union now consummated.

The Synod engaged in praise, singing Ps. xc., 14–16.

Prayer by Mr. Inglis.

At the request of the Moderator, Mr. David Inglis, of Hamilton, led in prayer.

Address by Mr. R. Ure.

Mr. Ure, of Streetsville, delivered an address on "The duty of Union among the Churches of Christ."

Address by Dr. Ormiston.

Dr. Ormiston, of Hamilton, delivered an address on "The advantages which may be expected to flow from the Union of Christian Churches, and the spirit in which such Union should be carried out."

Address by Dr. Burns.

Dr. Burns, Professor of Church History of Knox College, then delivered an address on the subject, "The Church of Christ a living Church."

Public Missionary Meeting announced.

The Moderator announced, that a Public Meeting, having special reference to missions, will be held here to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

Business Committee appointed.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded and agreed to,—That a Business Committee be appointed to be composed of the Moderator of Synod, Dr. Thornton and Mr. Gregg, late Moderators, the Clerks of Synod and the mover; the Committee to meet at Cote Street Church to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Thanks to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Ch.

On motion of Mr. Thomas Wardrope, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, the cordial thanks of Synod were accorded to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James' Street, for the free use of their house of worship on this occasion.

The Doxology was sung.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Kemp, the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning in Coté Street Church, at 11 o'clock.

Closed with the Benediction.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Cote Street Church, Montreal,
Friday, *June* 7, 1861, 11 *o'clock, A.M.*

Synod constituted.

The Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church met, and after singing Ps. cxlvii., 1–3, and reading the 36th chapter of Ezekiel, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Dr. Taylor.

The Synod again engaged in praise, singing Ps. lxxx., 17–19. At the request of the Moderator, Dr. Burns led the Synod in prayer.

Minutes read.

The minutes of the first sederunt were read and sustained.

New book to be procured.

It was ordered that a new book for keeping the Records of the Synod be procured.

Committee on Bills and Overtures appointed.

The Synod appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to be composed, for the present meeting, of the members of the Committee on Bills and Overtures formerly existing in the different Bodies forming this Synod; Dr. Thornton to be Convener.

Verbal Report from Business Committee.

A verbal report was given in by the Business Committee appointed last night, recommending that the Report of the joint Committees on Forms of Processes be now taken up. The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

Report on Forms of Processes.

The Report on Forms of Processes was read by Dr. Thornton, the Chairman of the joint Committees.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock.

Closed with the Benediction.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
FRIDAY, *June* 7, 1861, 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

Synod again constituted.

The Synod met and was opened by singing Ps. xlviii., 11–14, and was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the former sederunt were read, and approved.

Report of Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in a report, containing a statement of several matters of business, and recommending the order in which they should be considered.

Report sustained

The Report was received, and the order of business therein recommended sanctioned, with the exception that the paper read in the morning on Forms of Processes, be first proceeded with.

Synod resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Forms, &c.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, in order to consider the several articles of the Report on Forms, *seriatim*. Mr. Drummond was called to the chair.

Synod resumed.

The Committee of the whole House having proceeded for some time, on motion, rose. The Synod resumed, the Moderator taking the chair. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

The Synod, on motion, adjourned, to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the diet was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
SATURDAY, *June* 8, 1861, 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met and was opened with devotional exercises, singing Ps. xlv., 3–6, and reading the 6th chapter of the First Epistle to Timothy. By request of the Moderator prayer was offered by Mr. Duff, after which the Moderator declared the Synod constituted and ready to proceed to business.

The minutes of the former sederunt were read and sustained.

The Moderator suggested that as several persons were present who were in possession of collections for the extraordinary expenses of this Synod, and as Mr. Davidson. the Treasurer for the Fund to meet these expenses, was not now in the city, it would be expedient to appoint some person to receive those collections.

Committee appointed to receive moneys collected for extraordinary expenses.

On motion made and seconded, a committee was appointed to receive the moneys still to be paid for the extraordinary expenses Fund, and to consider and report as to the disposal of said Fund, the Committee to consist of Messrs Topp, Laing, Kemp, Dr. Ormiston, Dick, and Alexander, *Ministers;* Messrs. Court, Redpath, Becket, McMurrich, Elmsley, and Sheriff Davidson, Elders, —Mr. Kemp to be Treasurer and Convener.

Synod resolves to consider report on arrangement of Presbyteries.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed, that instead of going now into Committee of the whole House on the Report on Forms of Processes, the Synod take up first the Report of the joint Committees on the arrangement of Presbyteries.

The Report read.

The Report on arrangement of Presbyteries was submitted by Mr. Dick. It recommended the following arrangement, viz.:—

1. The Presbytery of Quebec, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations east of the River St. Francis, Canada East.

2. The Presbytery of Montreal, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations east of the Counties of Russell and Stormont, and those in Canada East not included in the Presbyteries of Quebec and Ottawa.

3. The Presbytery of Ottawa, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Russell, Carleton, Lanark, and Renfrew, and the parts of Canada East north of these Counties.

4. The Presbytery of Brockville, to comprise the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Stormont, Dundas, Grenville and Leeds.

5. The Presbytery of Kingston, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Hastings, and Prince Edward.

6. The Presbytery of Cobourg, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Northumberland, Peterboro', and the Townships of Hope, Cavan, Emily, and Verulam.

7. The Presbytery of Whitby, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Townships of Clark, Manvers, Ops, Fenelon,

Darlington, Cartwright, Mariposa, Eldon, Whitby, Reach, Brock, Thorah, Mara, and Rama.

8. The Presbytery of Toronto, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of York, Peel, and Simcoe, and those in the Townships of Pickering, Uxbridge, Scott, Georgina, Trafalgar, and Esquesing, except the Congregation of Acton.

9. The Presbytery of Guelph, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Wellington and Waterloo, and in the Township of Nassagaweya, and the Congregation of Acton, except the Ministers and Congregations in North Dumfries and Wellesley.

10. The Presbytery of Hamilton, to comprise the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Welland, Lincoln, and Wentworth, and in the Township of Nelson.

11. The Presbytery of Paris, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Haldimand, Brant, and Norfolk, and in the Townships of North Dumfries, Norwich, Blenheim, and Blandford, except the Town of Woodstock.

12. The Presbytery of London, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Oxford, Middlesex, Elgin, Lambton, Kent, and Essex, except the Townships of Norwich, Blenheim, and Blandford, and the Minister and Congregation of Harrington.

13. The Presbytery of Huron, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Huron and Bruce, except those in the Townships of Brant, Carrick, Elderslie, Arran, and Saugeen.

14. The Presbytery of Stratford, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the County of Perth, and those in the Township of Wellesley, and the Minister and Congregation of Harrington.

15. The Presbytery of Durham or Owen Sound, to comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the County of Grey and those in the Townships of Brant, Carrick, Elderslie, Arran, and Saugeen.

The Synod proceeded to consider the Report.

Resolved that there shall be no Presbytery of Quebec.

On motion made and seconded, it was resolved,—That there shall be no Presbytery of Quebec, but that the Ministers and Congregations recommended by the Committee to compose that Presbytery be attached to the Presbytery of Montreal.

Motion by Mr. Kemp in regard to Presbytery of Montreal.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Cameron,—That the Congregations of Cornwall, Osnabruck, Williamsburgh, Winchester, and Waddington, be added to the Presbytery of Montreal.

Amendment by Mr. Smith.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gregg,—That the Presbytery of Montreal comprise all the Ministers and Congregations east of the Counties of Russell and Stormont, and those in Canada East not included in the proposed Presbytery of Ottawa.

Amendment carried.

A vote was taken, when the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Proposed bounds of Presbytery of Ottawa.

It was moved and seconded,—That the Presbytery of Ottawa be composed of the Ministers and Congregations recommended by the Committee.

Amendment.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith,—That the Congregations of Gloucester and North Gower be not attached to the Presbytery of Ottawa.

Amendment carried.

A vote was taken, when the amendment was carried, and the Report of the Committee as to the Presbytery of Ottawa adopted with the exception, that those Congregations be added to the proposed Presbytery of Brockville.

Bounds of Presbytery of Brockville.

It was moved and seconded and agreed to,—That the Report of the Committee recommending the arrangement of the Presbytery of Brockville be adopted, with the exception that the Messrs. Smart and Gordon, and the Townships of Leeds and Lansdown, be not attached to said Presbytery, and that the Congregation of Gloucester and North Gower instead, be added thereto.

Bounds of Presbytery of Kingston.

The Report of the Committee as to the Presbytery of Kingston was adopted, with the exception, that the Messrs. Smart and Gordon, and the Townships of Leeds and Lansdown, be taken from the proposed Presbytery of Brockville and attached to Kingston.

Synod agrees to consider report anent Presbytery of Whitby.

It was agreed to take up next the Report on the Presbytery of Whitby, omitting for the present that on the Presbytery of Cobourg.

Motion by Mr. Smith that there be no Presbytery of Whitby.

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Alexander,—That there shall be no Presbytery of Whitby.

Amendment by Mr. King, that there be a Presbytery of Ontario.

Moved in amendment by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Monteath,—That there be a Presbytery constituted in the bounds named by the Committee for the Presbytery of Whitby, to be designated the Presbytery of Ontario.

Amendment carried.

A vote was taken, when the amendment was carried, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Bounds of Pres. of Cobourg agreed to.

On motion made and seconded, the Report of the Committee arranging the members and boundaries of the Presbytery of Cobourg, was adopted.

Motion that Beaverton be not included in Pres. of Ontario.

Moved by Mr. McLachlan, seconded by Mr. Gunn,—That the Congregation of Beaverton be not included within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ontario.

Adjournment.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned to meet again at one o'clock on Monday. Closed with the benediction.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Montreal, Cote Street Church,
Monday, *June* 10, 1861, 10 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

The Synod met. The Moderator gave out for praise Ps. lxxii. 4-8, and after reading Acts xx, 17 to end, constituted the Synod with prayer.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Mr. G. J. C. Duncan to address Synod at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Kemp requested that Mr. Duncan, a deputy from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England to the late Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, should be allowed to address the Synod to day, and that on hour should be named for the purpose. The Synod agreed to hear Mr. Duncan at 12 o'clock to-day.

The Synod then proceeded with the consideration of the report of the Presbyteries' Arrangements Committee.

Motion that Beaverton be not included in Pres. of Ontario negatived.

The motion submitted by Mr. McLachlan, on Saturday to the effect that the congregation of Beaverton be not included in the bounds of the Presbytery of Ontario, was put from the chair, and was negatived.

Motion to add Pickering, &c., to Presbytery of Ontario.

It was moved by Mr. McMurrich, seconded by Dr. Thornton,—That the Townships of Pickering, Uxbridge, Scott, and Georgina be added to the Presbytery of Ontario.

Amendment by Mr. Baird.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Baird, seconded by Dr. Jennings,—That so far as the Township Pickering is concerned, the recommendation of the committee be adhered to.

The motion carried.

A vote was taken, when the motion of Mr. McMurrich was carried, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Bounds of Presbytery of Toronto arranged.

On motion made and seconded the recommendation of the committee in regard to the Presbytery of Toronto, was adopted, with the exception that the Townships of Pickering, Uxbridge, Scott, and Georgina, be taken from the Presbytery of Toronto, and annexed to the proposed Presbytery of Ontario.

The Synod proceeded to take up the Report of the Committee on Presbyteries' Arrangements, on the proposed Presbytery of Guelph.

Motion anent Pres. of Guelph.

It was moved by Mr. J. Middlemiss, seconded by Mr. George Cuthbertson to adopt Report of Committee regarding bounds of Presbytery of Guelph, except in as far as it includes in the Presbytery of Paris ministers and congregations of Galt.

Amendment.

Moved in amendment, by A. Tolmie, seconded by Mr. Arch. Cross,—That the Congregations of Ayr, with the Congregations of Galt, be transferred from the proposed Presbytery of Paris to the Presbytery of Guelph.

2nd amendment.

Moved in further amendment by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Laing,—That we consider whether or not there shall be a Presbytery of Paris, before considering the Presbytery of Guelph.

3rd amendment.

Moved futher by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. McRuar, that the report of the Committee on the proposed Presbytery of Guelph be adopted simpliciter.

Votes were taken between these several motions, when that of Mr. Middlemiss was successively preferred, and the Report of the Committee was adopted as amended by the motion of Mr. Middlemiss, and the Synod decided that the Congregations of Galt

be detached from the proposed Presbytery of Paris and annexed to the Presbytery of Guelph. Motion carried.

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, according to arrangement made in the morning, Mr. Duncan, Deputy from the Presbyterian Church in England, addressed the Synod in very warm terms, congratulating the Synod especially on the auspicious union which had just been consummated. Mr. G. J. C. Duncan addresses the Synod.

Mr. Reid here stated that Mr. Duncan had given a donation of £10 sterling to the Foreign Mission of this Church if they shall inaugurate one, otherwise to the French Canadian Mission. Donation from Mr. Duncan.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Dr. Ormiston,—That the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church having heard Mr. G. J. C. Duncan, a Deputy from the Presbyterian Church in England, accept with the utmost satisfaction the expression of his esteem and affection for this Church, and his approbation of the Union of the Churches now embraced by this Church and Synod; convey to Mr. Duncan through the Moderator, the cordial expression of the Synod's affection for himself personally, and for the Church in England which he represents; requesting him also to present to his own Synod at its next ordinary meeting, the congratulations of this Synod at the continued prosperity of the Church in England,—at its Missionary activity and success,—at the progress of negotiations for the union of sister churches there, and that this Synod trust to sustain the same fraternal relations with the Presbyterian Church in England which one of the Churches now united in this Synod formerly held. Motion by Mr. Kemp.

This motion was carried by acclamation, all the members of Synod standing. Motion carried by acclamation.

The Moderator then conveyed to Mr. Duncan in appropriate terms the cordial regard of the Synod for himself personally and the expression of the deep interest which the Church in this country takes in the welfare of the Presbyterian Churches with which we are related in Great Britain, and especially in the Presbyterian Church in England. Moderator aderesses Mr. Duncan.

The Synod proceeded to fix the time and place for the next ordinary meeting of Synod, whereupon, Time and place for next ordinary meeting of Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Laing,—That the next Annual Meeting of Synod be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday of June, 1862, at half past seven, P.M. Motion by Mr. Gregg.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. McTavish,—That the question of fixing the time and place of next Annual Meeting be deferred till the Synod determine as to whether there is to be a special meeting in the autumn. Amendment by Mr. D. Inglis.

The motion of Mr. Gregg was carried by a large majority, and the next Annual Meeting of Synod was appointed to be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the 1st Tuesday in June, 1862, at 7½ o'clock, P.M. Motion carried, Synod to meet in Toronto.

Address to be delivered by Mr. H. Gordon on Wednesday evening.

The Moderator stated that at the Missionary Meeting on Friday evening one gentleman, Mr. Gordon, was, for want of time, prevented from delivering the address which he was then prepared to give, and asked if the Synod would afford him an opportunity of giving that address on some evening this week. It was agreed that Mr. Gordon's address be heard on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Synod adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock, P.M. Closed with the Benediction.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
MONDAY, *June* 10, 1861, 3 *o'clock.*

The Synod met. The Moderator gave out for praise Ps. lxxxiv., 1–2, and called upon Mr. Dick, who offered up prayer. The Moderator then declared the Synod constituted and ready to proceed to business.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read, and sustained.

Report of Committee for Fund for extraordinary expenses.

Mr. Kemp submitted the Report of the Committee appointed to receive the moneys collected for meeting the extraordinary expenses of this Synod, and to consider on a plan for the equitable disposal of the said moneys. The Synod received the Report and sanctioned its recommendations.

Mr. McGlashan invited to sit with Synod.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod agreed to invite Mr. McGlashan, a Minister of this Church without pastoral charge, now present, to sit in Synod as a corresponding member.

Bounds of Presbytery of Hamilton.

Mr. Dick read the Report of the Committee on the arrangement of Presbyteries in relation to the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Deferred in the mean time.

Several motions were submitted with a view to the disposal of this part of the Report. The consideration of these motions was deferred in order to take up first the report on the proposed Presbytery of Paris, and to determine whether or not there shall be a Presbytery of Paris.

Motion that there shall be a Pres. of Paris carried.

On motion of Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. Inglis, the Synod resolved by a very large majority that there shall be a Presbytery of Paris.

The Synod returned to the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Motion anent Presbytery of Hamilton.

It was moved by Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Laing,—That the report of the Committee be adopted as it stands.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Irvine, seconded by Dr. Ormiston,—That the Report of the Committee be adopted, with the exception of the Congregations and stations in the Counties of Haldimand and Norfolk, which shall be detached from the proposed Presbytery of Paris and annexed to that of Hamilton.

Amendment carried.

Dr. Irvine's motion was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided according thereto.

The Synod proceeded to consider and determine the bounds of the proposed Presbytery of Paris.

Motion anent Bounds of Pres. of Paris.

It was moved by Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Laing,—That the Paris Presbytery shall comprise all the Ministers and Congregations in the Counties of Brant and the Townships of Norwich, Blenheim, and Blandford, except the Town of Woodstock.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Cross,—That the Congregations of Ingersoll, Woodstock, and Tilsonburg, be included in the Paris Presbytery, being detached from the Presbytery of London.

Amendment carried.

A vote was taken when the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

The Synod took up the Report of the Committee on the arrangement of the Presbytery of London.

Bounds of Pres. of London arranged.

On motion made by Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. Caven, the Report of the Committee on the Presbytery of London was adopted with the amendments, that the names of Messrs. J. Fraser and N. McKinnon be added, and that the name of Mr. Hamilton be omitted, and that the Congregation of Grant Co., Wisconsin, be added.

Bounds of Pres. of Huron.

The Report of the Committee on the arrangement of the Presbytery of Huron was read. On motion made and seconded, the Report on the Presbytery of Huron was adopted, with the correction of an error in the said report, adding the name of Mr. McKay, of South Bruce, erroneously inserted in the proposed Presbytery of Durham.

Bounds of Pres. of Stratford.

The Report in relation to the Presbytery of Stratford was taken up, and on consideration was adopted, with the addition of the name of Mr. Robert Hamilton, of Avonbank, and the Congregation of Fullarton, taken from the Presbytery of London.

Bounds of Pres. of Grey.

The Synod agreed to change the name of the proposed Presbytery of Durham into that of Grey, and that in other respects the Report of the Committee be adopted without alteration, the name of Mr. McKay, of South Bruce, being removed therefrom.

Motion that Reports as now amended be now adopted.

The Synod having proceeded with the consideration of the several recommendations of the Report seriatim, to the end, it was moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. T. Wardrope, That the Report of the Committee on the arrangement of Presbyteries, as now amended, be adopted as a whole.

Amendment by Mr. Kemp.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Currie, That the County of Stormont be connected with the Presbytery of Montreal.

Motion carried

A vote was taken, when the motion of Mr. Drummond was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided to adopt the Report, as a whole, as amended.

The Report, as amended and adopted, is as follows, namely:

1. The Presbytery of Montreal shall comprise all the ministers and congregations east of the counties of Russell and Stormont, and those in Canada East not included in the Presbytery of Ottawa.

2. The Presbytery of Ottawa shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Russell, Carlton, Lanark and Renfrew, and the parts of Canada East north of these counties; but excepting the congregation of Gloucester and North Gower, which shall be annexed to the Presbytery of Brockville.

3. The Presbytery of Brockville shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Stormont, Dundas, Grenville and Leeds, together with the congregation of Gloucester and North Gower, but not including Gananoque and the township of Lansdowne.

4. The Presbytery of Kingston shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Hastings, and Prince Edward, together with Gananoque and the township of Lansdowne.

5. The Presbytery of Cobourg shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Northumberland and Peterboro', and townships of Hope, Cavan, Emily and Verulam.

6. The Presbytery of Ontario shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the townships of Clark, Manvers, Ops, Fenelon, Darlington, Cartwright, Mariposa, Eldon, Whitby, Reach, Brock, Thorah, Mara, Rama, Pickering, Uxbridge, Scott and Georgina.

7. The Presbytery of Toronto shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of York, Peel and Simcoe, and those in the townships of Trafalgar and Esquesing, except the congregation of Acton. To this Presbytery shall also be attached the congregations in the Red River Settlement.

8. The Presbytery of Guelph shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Wellington and Waterloo, and in the township of Nassagaweya, together with the congregation of Acton; but not including the township of Wellesley and the Congregations of Ayr.

9. The Presbytery of Hamilton shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Welland, Lincoln, Wentworth, Haldimand and Norfolk, together with the township of Nelson.

10. The Presbytery of Paris shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the county of Brant, and in the townships of Norwich, Blenheim and Blandford; also the Congregations in Ayr.

11. The Presbytery of London shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Oxford, Middlesex, Elgin, Lambton and Essex; except the townships of Norwich, Blenheim and Blandford, and excepting also the township of Harrington.

12. The Presbytery of Huron shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the counties of Huron and Bruce; except those of the townships of Brant, Carrick, Elderslie, Arran and Saugeen.

13. The Presbytery of Stratford shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the county of Perth, and those in the townships of Wellesley and Harrington.

14. The Presbytery of Grey shall comprise all the ministers and congregations in the county of Grey, and those in the townships of Brant, Carrick, Elderslie, Arran and Saugeen.

(The names of the Ministers included in the above Presbyteries, will be seen from the Synod Roll.)

On motion of Mr. Nisbet, seconded by Mr. Dick, it was resolved,—That mission stations bordering on different Presbyteries be placed under such Presbytery as may be mutually agreed upon between the Presbyteries themselves.

A suggestion was made that this would be the best time to appoint the Moderators of the several Presbyteries now erected.

Moderators of Presbyteries appointed.

The Moderator then proceeded to name the Moderators of Presbyteries, as follows:

Of the Presbytery of	Montreal	Dr. Taylor.
"	Ottawa	Mr. Aitken.
"	Brockville	Dr. Boyd. / Mr. Melville, *p. t.*
"	Kingston	Mr. Smart. / Mr. Wilson, *p. t.*
"	Cobourg	Mr. J. M. Roger.
"	Ontario	Dr. Thornton.
"	Toronto	Mr. Topp.
"	Guelph	Mr. Barrie.
"	Hamilton	Mr. Stark. / Mr. Cheyne, *p. t.*
"	Paris	Mr. Caw.
"	London	Mr. Skinner.
"	Huron	Mr. Graham.
"	Stratford	Mr. McPherson.
"	Grey	Mr. T. Stevenson.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at 7½ o'clock, P.M., and this sederunt was closed with the benediction.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET,
MONDAY, *June* 10, 1861, 7½ *o'clock*, *P. M.*

After prayer by Mr. Roger the Synod constituted.

The Synod met, and, at the request of the Moderator, Mr. Roger, of Peterboro', offered up prayer, and the Moderator declared the Synod constituted.

First meetings of Presbyteries appointed, viz.:

The Synod proceeded to the appointment of the first meetings of the Presbyteries now organized, when the following appointments were made:

Pres. of Huron.

That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Huron* be held in Willis' Church, Clinton, on the first Tuesday of July, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon:

Pres. of Stratford. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Stratford* be held in Norman Street Church, Stratford, on the last Tuesday of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.:

Pres. of Toronto. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Toronto* be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday of July, at 11 o'clock, A. M.:

Pres. of Ontario. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Ontario* be held in this place to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock:

Pres. of Ottawa. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Ottawa* be held here to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock:

Presbytery of Brockville. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Brockville* be held in the Basement of this Church to-morrow, at half-past nine o'clock in the morning; and that, in the absence of Dr. Boyd, Mr. Melville be moderator, *pro tem.*:

Pres. of London. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *London* be held here to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock:

Presbytery of Montreal. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Montreal* be held in the Basement of this Church, at the close of the forenoon Sederunt to-morrow:

Pres. of Guelph. That the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Guelph* be held in Knox's Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, the 25th day of June, inst., at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Report on distribution of Preachers and Home Missions to be taken up. The Synod then agreed to take up next the remainder of the Report of the Committee on arrangement of Presbyteries, on distribution of Preachers, and on Home Missions.

Addition to be made, that members stand on Roll in order of ordination. In connection with this Report it was stated, on behalf of the Committee, that an omission had been made in the printed copies in the hands of members of Synod, namely, a recommendation that the names of Ministers be placed on their respective Presbytery Rolls in the order of the date of their ordination.

The recommendation as to this matter was unanimously adopted by the Synod.

Dates of ordination to be inserted in the printed minutes. The Synod, on motion made and seconded, agreed,—That in the Roll of Synod to be printed in connexion with the minutes of the present meeting of Synod, the date of ordination of each Minister be placed opposite his name.

Report read by Mr. Dick. The Report of the Committee in reference to the distribution of Preachers and Home Missions, was read by Mr. Dick, it is as follows:—

On the distribution of Preachers and on Home Missions, the Committee would respectfully recommend:

I. That the Probationers and other Missionary labourers at the disposal of the Synod, be distributed once in six months, by a Synodical Committee, among the various Presbyteries, according to their respective claims, which shall have been previously lodged with the Committee. Such distribution to be subject to regulations to be enacted by the Synod.

II. That Presbyteries be instructed to adopt such measures as they may think best to secure an annual contribution from each congregation within their bounds, for Home Missionary purposes.

III. That all contributions thus made shall form *one central fund.* That distribution of this fund shall be made annually by the aforesaid Synodical Committee, according to applications and recommendations previously furnished by the Presbyteries, for the aid of Mission Stations, &c., within their bounds. Such distribution to be subject to regulations to be enacted by the Synod.

IV. That the Salary of Probationers shall be at the rate of Four Hundred Dollars per Annum, that they pay their own travelling expenses, and that their board be in all cases furnished by the congregations and stations supplied by them.

V. That Presbyteries use all diligence to secure that congregations and stations receiving supply contribute to the full extent of their ability towards paying for the same; and that they implement all engagements made by them when applying to the Presbytery.

VI. That the Synod should fully consider the subject of the employment of a limited number of ordained Missionaries, to organise and visit stations in new settlements, and to dispense the ordinances among them.

VII. That Students of Theology may be employed in Home Mission work, after attendance during one or two sessions of the Theological Course—as the Synod may determine.

VIII. That the salary of Student Missionaries be at the rate of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars per annum, (with board); their travelling expenses from the College seat to their places of labor to be paid out of the central fund.

On the distribution of Probationers and other Missionary laborers, the Committee would recommend the following regulations:—

I. That the roll of Probationers shall consist of Preachers who have been licensed less than three years; and Ministers who have been loosed from their charges, or who have been received from other churches, and have been receiving appointments from the Committee less than two years (reckoning in both cases from the date of their admission to the roll).

II. From this roll of Probationers appointments shall be made half-yearly, so far as the necessities of the Church require. Should the number of Probationers at any time exceed the wants of the Presbyteries, appointments shall be given to them in equal proportion. Preachers without appointments may receive such employment as may arise from special applications made to the convener between the times of distribution.

III. Preachers who have been on the roll for three years, and Ministers for two years without settlement, shall have their names removed from the list:—allowance being in all cases made for sickness, leave of absence, or time occupied in the public business of the church, apart from fulfilling regular appointments;—provided also, that the Synod alone may order the retention of any probationer's name on the list beyond the above specified times.

IV. Probationers concerning whom complaints of inefficiency have been received from Presbyteries by the committee, may have their

appointments withdrawn, until a decision of the Synod shall be given in the case.

V. All preachers and ministers who desire appointments from the committee, shall send their names and Post Office address to the Convener, at least two weeks previous to the time of the meeting of committee for distribution; and Presbyteries shall at the same time send to the Convener the names of preachers licensed by them, and of ministers who have been received, or who have been loosed from their charges, and whom they recommend for employment; and also the names of such as have been settled during the preceding six months.

VI. In forwarding applications for supply, Presbyteries will send lists of the congregations and stations; stating which are vacant ministerial charges, and which are in circumstances to call ministers; the number of families and church members connected with each, when each station or congregation was commenced, its distance from the nearest congregation with a settled minister; whether preaching in the Gaelic language is required, and an estimate of the number of Presbyterian families in each district not otherwise supplied with ordinances.

VII. The committee shall make appointments to each Presbytery in proportion to its wants. These appointments to be made in such a way as to allow each probationer an opportunity of visiting the various Presbyteries (as far as this can be effected).

VIII. No private arrangement between a presbytery, minister, or congregation, and any probationer on the roll, shall be allowed to interfere with the regular appointments.

IX. Probationers shall report their labors to the several Presbyteries in whose bounds they have been employed, and also to the Convener of the Committee; presbyteries shall also furnish annual reports for the Committee; blank forms to be provided for all such reports.

On the Home Mission Fund, the Committee would recommend the following regulations:—

I. That the contributions to this fund be transmitted to the Treasurer, not later than the first day of March in each year.

II. That the principal object of this fund shall be to assist in organising and fostering mission stations in new settlements. No grants shall be made from the fund to settled charges, except in peculiar circumstances, and recommended by the Presbyteries in whose bounds the congregations are. Also, the appropriations shall never exceed the amount of funds actually in the hands of the Treasurer at the time of distribution.

III. Applications for grants by stations or congregations shall be made through the Presbyteries, and shall in all cases be accompanied by a statement containing the date when the district began to be settled, how long the congregation or station has existed, how many families are connected with it, and the number of members in full communion; also the number of Presbyterian families in the district and the prospect of enlargement of the congregation or station.

IV. In no case shall any grant exceed the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars; nor shall grants be made for any other purpose than to assist in paying for the supply of ordinances.

V. When the funds are appropriated by the committee, a full statement of the particular congregations and stations for which they are intended shall be published in the "Record," or some other paper in general circulation among the Members of the Church; and grants shall be made payable to Presbyteries or their order.

First section agreed to.

The first section of the Report in regard to the distribution of Probationers was taken up. It was moved and seconded that the first section be agreed to.

Moved that Synod take up third section.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. D. Wardrope,—That the Synod proceed to take up the third recommendation in the Report.

First section agreed to.

A vote was taken, when the recommendation of the Committee was sanctioned by a large majority, and the first section was adopted.

Second section agreed to.

The Synod, on motion, adopted the second section of this part of the report unanimously.

The third section of the Report was read.

Motion to adopt third section.

It was moved by Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith,— That this section of the report be adopted.

Amendment by Mr. J. Ross.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Duncan,—That Presbyteries be instructed to adopt such measures as they may think best to secure an annual contribution for the support of Missionaries labouring within their bounds, and send the surplus to the support of a central fund.

2nd amendment by Mr. Kemp.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Kemp, and duly seconded,—That the Synod remit this subject to the Committee, to distribute the Presbyteries into missionary districts.

3rd amendment by Mr. McLaren.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. D. Inglis,—That the Synod approve of a Central Fund for Home Missions, but in view of the importance of the subject, send down the proposed plan for the consideration of Presbyteries, and enjoin them to report to next Synod, and that in the meantime Presbyteries be recommended to give earnest attention to the work of domestic Missions.

4th amendment by Mr. Ure.

It was moved in further amendment by Mr. Ure, seconded by Dr. Irvine,—That the third resolution in the report before the House be sent down to Presbyteries to be reported upon by them at the next annual meeting of Synod; that in the interim Presbyteries be enjoined to attend to the Mission fields within their respective bounds; and that any Presbytery having a surplus of income over the expenditure required for its local wants, be directed to devote this surplus in aid of the Missions of other Presbyteries, intimating to the Home Missionary Committee its amount, and, if thought proper, the portions of the general field to which it is to be appropriated, and the amount to be given to each.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the further consideration of this subject was deferred.

First meeting of Pres. of Cobourg appointed.

The Synod appointed the Presbytery of *Cobourg* to meet within St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, on the second Wednesday in July, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Permission was also granted to the Presbytery to meet at the call of the Moderator, in the city of Montreal, before the members leave the city this week.

First meeting of Presbytery of Kingston.

The Synod appointed the first meeting of the Presbytery of *Kingston*, to be held in this church at half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning; and that, in the absence of Mr. Smart, Mr. Wilson be Moderator, *pro tem.*

First meeting of Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Presbytery of *Hamilton* was, by the Synod, appointed to hold its first meeting in this church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock; and that, in the absence of Mr. Stark, Mr. Cheyne be Moderator, *pro tem.*

The Synod adjourned, to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
TUESDAY, *June* 11, 1861, 10 *o'clock, A.M.*

After prayer by Dr. Willis, the Synodconstituted

The Synod met, and was opened with praise, singing Ps. li. 15–17. The Moderator then read the 55th chapter of Isaiah, and called upon Principal Willis, who offered up prayer. The Moderator then declared the Synod constituted, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and ready to proceed to the transaction of business.

Roll called and marked.

The Roll was called and marked.

The minutes of the former sederunt were read and sustained.

Each Pres. to be furnished with extract anent bounds, &c.

It was moved by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. S. C. Fraser, and agreed to,—That each Presbytery be furnished with an extract from that part of the minutes constituting the Presbyteries and appointing their first meetings, so that such extracts may furnish an appropriate heading to the Presbytery Records.

First meeting of Pres. of Paris.

The Synod appointed the Presbytery of *Paris* to hold its first meeting in Mr. Caw's Church, Paris, on the first Tuesday of July ensuing, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Committee on duties of Clerkship, &c.

On motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. McTavish,—The Synod agreed to appoint, as they do hereby appoint, a Committee on the Duties of the Clerkship; on an Agent for Church Schemes; on the *Ecclesiastical Record*, and on Stated Collections;—the Committee to consist of the following persons: Mr. Topp, Dr. Thornton, Messrs. Drummond, Aitken, D. Inglis, Skinner, McLaren, Baird, Wilson, McTavish, Kemp, Ministers; Mr. McMurrich and Mr. D. McLellan, Elders; Mr. Topp, Convener.

Synod resumes consideration of 3rd section of Report on distribution of Preachers.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report on distribution of Preachers and on Home Missions. On the third section of said report then under discussion,

5th amendment by Mr. W. Inglis.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. William Inglis, seconded by Mr. Thom,—That the Synod, on account of the importance of the issues involved in this suggestion of the Committee, send it down to Presbyteries for consideration, and require them to report at next annual meeting of this Court; but as there are certain claims to be met, certain funds to be administered, and certain engagements to be implemented by this Synod, as representing the late Synods, of which it is constituted, this Synod appoint an *Interim Mission Committee*, to administer, in concert with the Presbyteries, all moneys which the liberality of the Church may put into a common fund during the year; adjust all existing claims upon this Church; make good all engagements entered into by both of the constituent parts of this Synod, and report its proceedings and intromissions at next annual meeting of this Court, when the whole business of Home Missions shall be fully considered, and a permanent plan of operations adopted.

Mr. Ross' motion withdrawn.

Mr. Ross asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion on this subject which he had submitted last night.

Motion of adjournment lost.

A motion was made and duly seconded, that the Synod adjourn, which, being put, was lost.

On a division Mr. Inglis' amendment was carried by a large majority.

The Synod proceeded to decide. The motion and the several amendments were read in their order, namely: the motion of Mr. Dick, and the amendments of Messrs. Kemp, McLaren, Ure and William Inglis. Votes were taken, when the amendment of Mr. Inglis was, by large majorities, successively preferred to the other amendments, and to the original motion, and the Synod decided in the terms of said amendment.

The Moderator made the following announcements:

Presbytery meetings announced.

That the Presbytery of *Hamilton* would meet here at the close of this sederunt.

That the Presbytery of *Cobourg* would meet in this place immediately.

That the Presbytery of *Kingston* would meet here to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

That the Presbytery of *Brockville* would meet here immediately.

First meeting of Pres. of Grey.

The Synod appointed the first meeting of the Presbytery of Grey to be held in the basement of this church, to-morrow morning, at half-past 9 o'clock.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at 3 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
TUESDAY, *June* 11, 1861, 3 *o'clock*, *P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

Synod resume consideration of Report on distribution of Preachers.

The Synod proceeded to consider further the Report on the distribution of Probationers, and on Missions.

The fourth recommendation of the Report was read from the table.

Motion to adopt remaining parts *ad interim*, and send down to Presbyteries, agreed to.

It was moved by Mr. Wm. Inglis, seconded by Mr. McTavish and agreed to,—That the fourth and succeeding recommendations of the Committee be adopted, *ad interim*, for the guidance of the Mission Committee during the ensuing year, but at the same time be sent down to Presbyteries; and that Presbyteries report on the whole subject at the meeting of Synod in June next year.

It was agreed that the Moderator appoint the Home Mission Committee in the evening.

Synod resolves itself into Committee of the whole on Forms, &c.

On motion made and seconded to that effect, the Synod resolved itself into committee of the whole house, on the Report of the Committee on Forms of Process.

Committee rose and reported.

A motion was made and duly seconded,—That the committee of the whole house rise and report. The motion was carried, and the committee rose. The Synod resumed, the Rev. Dr. Thornton, by request of the Moderator, taking the chair.

The chairman of the committee of the whole house gave in a Report, to the effect, that the Formula to be signed by Ministers, Probationers, Elders and Deacons, was adopted with certain amendments stated; that the questions to be put to a Minister at his ordination were adopted with certain amendments stated, as far as the fourth question, inclusive; and that a resolution had been carried, to the effect, that it is inexpedient to proceed further with the consideration of the Report on the Forms of Process, but that it be adopted *ad interim*, and sent down to Presbyteries, to report upon at the meeting of the Synod in June next.

Report of the Committee of the whole adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Thomas McPherson, and agreed to,—That the Report of the Committee on Forms of Process, as amended by the committee of the whole, be adopted, *ad interim*, and be sent down to Presbyteries, to report to the Synod at the next regular meeting.

The following is the Report, embodying Formula and Questions, as amended:

I.—*Formula to be signed by Ministers, Probationers, Elders and Deacons.*

Formula.

I do hereby declare that I do sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith, as approved by this Church, in terms of the Articles of Union, to be the truth of GOD; and I do own the purity of worship presently authorised and practised in this Church, and also the Presbyterian Government and Discipline thereof; which Doctrine, Worship, and Church Government I am persuaded are founded upon the Word of God and agreeable thereto; and I promise that, through the grace of God, I shall firmly and constantly adhere to the same, and to the utmost of my power, shall, in my station, assert, maintain, and defend the said Doctrine, Worship, and Discipline of this Church, and the Government thereof, by Sessions, Presbyteries, and Synods; that I shall, in my practice, conform myself to the said Worship, and submit to the said Discipline and Government, and never endeavour, directly or indirectly, the prejudice or subversion of the same; and I promise that I shall follow no divisive course from the present order in the Church; renouncing all doctrines, tenets, and opinions whatsoever, contrary to or inconsistent with the said Doctrines, Worship, Discipline, or Government of this Church.

II.—*Questions to be put to a Minister at his Ordination.*

Questions for a Minister at Ordination.

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and manners?

2. Do you sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approved by this Church in terms of the Articles of Union, to be founded upon the Word of God; and do you acknowledge the same as the confession of your faith; and will you firmly and constantly adhere thereto, and to the utmost of your power assert, maintain, and defend the same, and the purity of worship as presently practised in this Church?

3. Are you persuaded that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, has therein appointed a Government, distinct from, and not subordinate to that of the civil Magistrate; and that the civil Magistrate does not possess jurisdiction or authoritative control over the regulation of the affairs of Christ's Church?

4. Do you acknowledge the Presbyterian form of Government, as authorised and acted on in this Church, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, and do you promise to submit to the said Government and Discipline, and to concur with the same, and never endeavour, directly or indirectly, the prejudice or subversion thereof, but to the utmost of your power, in your station, to assert, maintain, and defend the same Discipline and Presbyterian Government by Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, and Synods?

5. Do you promise to give a conscientious attendance on the Courts of this Church, to submit yourself willingly and humbly, in the spirit of meekness, unto the admonitions of the brethren of this Presbytery, and to be subject to them and all other Presbyteries, and the superior judicatory of this Church, where God in His Providence shall cast your lot; and that according to your power, you will maintain the unity and peace of this Church against error and schism, whatever trouble or persecution may arise, and that you will follow no divisive

course from the present Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government of this Church?

6. Are not zeal for the honour of God, love to Jesus Christ, and desire of saving souls, your greater motives and chief inducements to enter into the functions of the holy ministry, and not worldly designs and interests?

7. Do you engage, in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, to rule well your own family, to live a holy and circumspect life, and faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully to discharge all the parts of the ministerial work, to the edification of the body of Christ?

8. Have you used any undue methods, either by yourself or others, in procuring this call?

The members of the Church being requested to stand up, they may signify their assent to the following questions by holding up their right hand.

Do you, the members of this Church, testify your adherence to the call which you have given to Mr. A. B., to be your minister, and do you receive him with all gladness, and promise to provide for him a suitable maintenance, and to give him all due respect, subjection and encouragement in the Lord?

9. Do you adhere to your acceptance of the call, to become minister of this Church?

10. All these things you profess and promise, through grace, as you shall be answerable at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ with his saints, and as you would be found in that happy company?

III.—*Questions for the Licensing of Probationers.*

Questions for the Licensing of Probationers.

1, 2, and 3, the same as the foregoing.

4. Do you promise to submit yourself in the Lord to the authority of the several judicatories of this Church, and to the Presbytery within whose bounds you may be called upon to labour?

5. Do you engage, in the strength of Divine grace, to live a holy and circumspect life, and faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully to perform all the parts of the work of a Probationer for the office of the Ministry?

IV.—*Questions for the Ordination of Elders.*

Questions for Elders.

1, 2, and 3, the same as the foregoing.

4. Do you engage, in the strength of the grace that is in Jesus Christ, to perform with diligence and faithfulness the duties of a Ruling Elder, watching over the flock of which you are called to be an overseer, in all things shewing yourself a pattern of good works?

V.—*Questions for the Ordination of Deacons.*

Questions for Deacons.

1, 2, and 3, the same as the foregoing.

4. Do you accept the office of a Deacon of this Church, and promise, through grace, faithfully and cheerfully, to discharge the duties thereof?

ADMISSION OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Admission of Ministers.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the following Act on the admission of Ministers and Licentiates from other Churches, be passed *ad interim* by the Synod, and sent down to Presbyteries in terms of the Barrier Act, viz.:—

1. That Ministers and Licentiates of other evangelical Presbyterian Churches, holding and accepting the Westminster Standards, in terms of the Articles of Union, and who shall come in the way of orderly translation, or shall be expressly designated or commissioned as Ministers or Missionaries to this Church, shall, on application to any Presbytery, and on producing the proper documentary evidence, be at once admitted as Ministers or Probationers of this Church.

2. That in all cases in which an applicant for admission does not come in the manner provided above, but with Presbyterial or private certificates only, he shall not be received into full standing as a Minister or Probationer of this Church, unless with the express sanction of the Synod. Provided always, that if on examination of the certificates of such party, at an ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and on due consideration of the whole case the Presbytery be unanimous, they may avail themselves of the services of such applicant, in the mean time.

3. That the certificates of such last mentioned applicant shall be presented to the Presbytery at an ordinary meeting thereof, and he shall be dealt with as the Presbytery may see fit, in the way of private conference, examination, and hearing his discourses, with the view of ascertaining his soundness in the faith, personal piety, knowledge, ministerial gifts, prudence, and propriety of deportment; and if satisfied on all these points, the Presbytery shall record their judgment, and instruct their Clerk to issue circular letters to the Presbyteries, in the usual form, and to transmit the application with relative documents, to the next ensuing Synod. In the event of the Synod granting permission, such applicant shall be received by the Presbytery and recognized as a Minister or Probationer, as the case may be, of this Church.

STANDING ORDERS.

A.—*Presbytery Rolls.*

Standing orders.

1. Certified Rolls of Presbyteries shall be sent up by their respective Clerks, so as to be in the hands of the Clerk of Synod at least eight days before the Synod meets.

B.—*Devotional Exercises.*

2. The second diet of the Synod's meeting shall be chiefly spent in devotional exercises, and such portion of the time of other diets as the Moderator of Synod shall think proper.

C.—*Committee on Business and Bills.*

3. There shall be a Standing Committee on Business, consisting of the Clerks of the Synod and of Presbyteries, who shall arrange all the ordinary business of the Synod, prior to the day of its regular

meetings, and such other business as may emerge during the Session of Synod. The Committee on Bills and Overtures shall consist of the said Clerks, together with a representative from each Presbytery, appointed by the Presbytery itself; but in the event of no such appointment being made, such representative shall be appointed by the Synod.

D.—*Papers to be Transmitted.*

4. All papers for the Synod, or notification of the same, shall be transmitted to the Convener of the Committee on Business at least eight days before the meeting of Synod; and all such papers shall pass through the Committee on Bills and Overtures, before presentation to the Synod.

E.—*Conducting of Business.*

5. Every motion, whether original or amended, shall be given to the Clerk in writing, as soon as it shall have been made to the House.

6. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the House, it shall not be altered without the permission of the Synod.

7. No member shall be allowed to speak more than once on the, same subject, unless it be in explanation, or by permission of the Synod.

8. The mover of the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter the debate shall be held to be definitely closed, and no person shall be entitled to speak, excepting with regard to the manner of putting the vote.

9. All motions after the first shall be considered as amendments on the first, and disposed of accordingly.

10. When there are only two motions before the House, the amendment shall be put first and the motion afterwards; but if the Roll be called, the question shall be "Amendment or Motion," and the motion which so carries shall then be put to the House; the question being "Aye or No."

11. When there are more than two motions, the last shall be put against that immediately preceding it, and so on till only two remain, when they shall be disposed of as above in No. 10.

12. The vote may ordinarily be taken by a show of hands, but at the call of any member, the Roll shall be called and votes marked.

F.—*Dissents.*

13. Dissents when taken must be given in immediately after the decision in the case is announced from the chair, and if accompanied with reasons at the time, said reason shall be recorded in the Minutes. Reasons may, however, be given in not later than the next sederunt after the decision dissented from is announced, but such reasons shall not be recorded.

G.—*Meetings during the Synod's Meetings.*

14. No Committee or Presbytery shall continue to sit after the Moderator shall have taken the Chair, at any diet of the Synod's meeting, unless the special permission of the Synod shall have been obtained to that effect.

H.—*Printing of Reports.*

15. The Reports of the standing Committees of Synod shall be printed and circulated before they are taken up by the Synod.

I.—*Nomination of Standing Committees.*

16. The Synod shall appoint a small Committee to suggest the names of members, for the standing Committees of Synod.

K.—*Appointment of Moderator.*

17. The Moderator shall be appointed in the manner following: that is to say, each Presbytery shall nominate for the moderatorship, a minister, either one of their own number, or a member of any other Presbytery of the Church, and the Presbytery Clerk shall return the name of the minister so nominated to the Clerk of the Synod, together with the Presbytery Roll, prior to the annual meeting of Synod. A leet shall be formed of the members thus nominated, and the Synod shall, from such leet, by open vote, appoint the Moderator. In the event of no nomination being made, the Synod shall elect the Moderator by the usual process of motion.

ACT FOR THE LICENSING OF STUDENTS.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the following Act on the Licensing of students be adopted as a standing Law of the Church, viz. :— Act for the Licensing of Students.

Whereas it is of importance to regulate, by special enactment of Synod, the form of proceeding in the licensing of students, it is hereby resolved and enacted :—

1. That no Student shall apply for license until the last session of his theological course is concluded.

2. When a Student applies to any Presbytery to be taken on trials for license, he must produce certificates from the Professors and Senate of the College, or from the Professors of any Theological College in connection with Churches in communion with this Church: (1.) That he has completed the theological curriculum. (2.) That he has delivered the discourses prescribed to him in the course of his studies. (3.) That his character and conduct during his attendance at College were suitable to his views of life.

3. That the Presbytery shall then examine said Student in Latin, Greek, Philosophy, Theology, and Practical Religion. If the examination be sustained, the Clerk shall be directed to make application to the next Synod for leave to take said Student on trials for License. certifying at the same time that the requisite certificates had been produced, and the examination had been sustained.

4. Leave having been obtained from the Synod, the Student shall then undergo his public probationary trials. These are examinations: 1. On Biblical Hebrew and Greek. 2. On Theology, Church History and Government, and on Personal Religion. 3. He shall also read before the Presbytery: (1,) A Latin Thesis. (2,) A Greek Critical Exercise. (3,) A Homily. (4,) A Popular Lecture. (5,) A Popular Sermon. The Presbytery may reject any or all of these trials, and may examine the Student on his various discourses if they see cause.

5. That the trials being finished, the Presbytery shall take a conjunct view of the whole, and record their opinion. If not satisfied therewith, the licensing shall be deferred, and the Presbytery shall act in the matter as they shall see for edification: if the trials be sustained, the Court shall proceed to license said Student to preach the Gospel. This shall be done in the following manner:—

6. (1,) He shall give his assent to the questions required by the Synod to be put in such cases, and shall either sign the Formula, or agree to sign it when required. (2,) The Moderator shall then give him a suitable address, and after prayer for the Divine blessing, shall, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority of the Presbytery, License him to preach the Gospel wherever he may be orderly called. The Clerk shall be instructed to grant an Extract of License when asked.

BARRIER ACT.

Barrier Act.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the following Act, to be called "The Barrier Act," be adopted as a standing Law of the Church,

Whereas it is of importance that all laws proposed, relative to matters of Doctrine, Discipline, Government, or Worship, should, before they are finally enacted, receive the patient and prayerful consideration of the Church. And whereas it is manifestly impossible that such consideration can be given during the Session of one meeting of Synod; it is therefore hereby enacted:—

1. That no standing law, or rule shall be made, by overture or otherwise, relative to matters of Doctrine, Discipline, Government, or Worship, until first such shall be submitted to all the Presbyteries of the Church for their approbation; that such approbation be given by each Presbytery at an ordinary meeting thereof; and that the decision of Presbyteries be recorded in the minutes, and an extract of the same be sent to the Clerk of Synod before its next meeting.

2. That the Synod, if it see cause, may, by a majority of two-thirds of those present, pass such proposed law or rule into an Interim Act, which shall possess the force of a law, aye and until the Presbyteries have, as herein required, expressed their judgment upon it.

3. That when a majority of Presbyteries have expressed their approbation, the Synod may pass such proposed law or rule, into a standing law of the Church.

4. That when a majority of the Presbyteries have expressed disapprobation, then the Synod shall reject such proposed law or rule, or again remit to Presbyteries.

The following clauses were added, in manuscript, by the Committee to the printed Report handed in and distributed among the members, viz.:—

"That each ministerial charge be represented by one Minister and an Elder in Presbyteries and in the Synod; where there are two or more Sessions in one Ministerial charge, said Sessions shall be represented in the Superior Courts in rotation."

"The Committee recommend that Deputies sent by any Church in communion with this Church, may be associated with any Presbytery,

or with the Supreme Court, all former regulations on the subject being repealed.

The Synod agreed to proceed now to the consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee on the Widows' Fund. Report of joint Committee on Widows' Fund.

The Report of the Committee was read from the table. Read also a minute of the late United Presbyterian Synod, leaving it to this Synod to consider and dispose of the Report.

After proceeding for some time with the consideration of the Report, the Synod adjourned, to meet at 7½ o'clock. Closed with benediction.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE-STREET CHURCH,
Tuesday, June 11, 1861,—7½ *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was opened with praise, singing Psalm lxviii. 33–35. At the request of the Moderator, Prof. Young led in prayer, and the Moderator declared the Synod constituted. After prayer by Prof. Young, Synod constituted.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Synod proceeded with the consideration of the subject interrupted by the adjournment in the afternoon. Synod resumes consideration of Report on Widows' Fund.

Prof. Young, seconded by Mr. Burns, submitted a motion for the disposal of the Report on the Widows' Fund, to the following effect:—That a Committee be appointed to consider what steps require to be taken in order that all the Ministers of the Canada Presbyterian Church may have a right to the benefits of the Widows' Fund, without endangering the stability of the Fund; the Committee to consist of Mr. McPherson (Stratford), Mr. John McTavish, John McMurrich, John Redpath, and D. McLellan, Esqs., Dr. Thornton, Messrs. T. Stevenson, Inglis (of Woodstock), King (of Columbus), and Caven. To report to-morrow morning. Convener, John Redpath, Esq. Motion by Prof. Young.

The Synod unanimously adopted the motion of Prof. Young, and decided accordingly. Motion adopted.

The Committee received the permission of the Synod to retire and deliberate during this session of Synod. Committee receive leave to retire.

The Synod took up next the Report of the Joint Committee on Theological Education. The Report was read by Mr. Topp. Report on joint Committee on Theological Education.

On motion made and duly seconded, the Synod received and adopted the Report, and agreed that the Moderator appoint the Theological Education Committee, recommended in the Report, to-morrow morning. Report adopted.

The Report of the Board of Management of Knox College, for the past year, was also read by Mr. Topp, for the information of the Synod. Report of Board of Management of Knox's College read for information.

Board to be appointed to-morrow.

On motion made and duly seconded, the Synod agreed that the Moderator appoint the Board of Management of Knox College, and also the Senate of the College, to-morrow morning.

First Sabbath of November appointed for special prayer for College.

The Synod agreed to appoint, as they do hereby appoint, the first Sabbath of November as a day of special prayer, on behalf of Knox College; and recommend, as they do hereby recommend, to all the congregations within the bounds of the Church, to have especial regard to this object in their public and private devotions on the day named.

Debt on College referred to the Board.

The Synod next took up for consideration the Debt on the College. It was agreed to remit the whole subject of the debt, and the devising of the best means for the liquidation of the same, for the consideration and action of the Board of Management.

Synod agree to petition the Legislature against division of funds of University of Toronto and University College.

It was moved by Mr. McRuer, seconded by Mr. Topp, and agreed to,—That the Synod petition the Legislature against any divisions of the funds of the University of Toronto, and University College, for the purpose of granting any portion of these funds to other institutions professedly literary, yet really denominational.

Subject of Foreign Missions taken up.

The Synod took up next the subject of a Foreign Mission.

Motion by Mr. R. F. Burns.

It was moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Skinner,—That this Synod, recognizing the binding obligation of the great commission, resolve to enter on the Foreign Missionary enterprise; select for the present British Columbia and Vancouver's Island as the field of their operations; appoint a Standing Committee on this subject; and instruct the Committee to employ all possible diligence in endeavouring to send forth immediately at least one missionary to that great and growing country.

Amendment by Mr. D. Inglis.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. D. Inglis, seconded by Mr. A. McLean,—That the Synod adopt British Columbia and Vancouver's Island as their field of Foreign Missions, and proceed now to nominate a Missionary.

Further consideration deferred.

After reasoning for some time, and the hour of adjournment having arrived, the further consideration of this subject was deferred to the next sederunt, in the morning.

Thanks to be given.

1. To Accommodation Committee

2. To Managers of Cote-st. Church.

3. To the Ladies of the Congregations in Montreal.

It was moved by Mr. R. F. Burns, seconded by Dr. Thornton, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be given, and are hereby tendered, 1. To the Accommodation Committee, for the diligence and courtesy with which their duties have been discharged. 2. To the Managers of Cote-street Congregation, for the use of their church during the sittings of Synod, and the marked attention shown by them. 3. To the ladies of the three congregations, for their very great kindness in connexion with the evening entertainments, which have contributed so much to the comfort and convenience of the Synod, and to the securing of agreeable social intercourse among its members. 4. And to the general community of Montreal, for the hospitable reception accorded to the Synod, during a meeting which will ever be suggestive of most pleasing reminiscences. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Thanks to the Proprietor of *Daily Witness*.

The Synod also agreed to express their obligations, and to tender thanks to the proprietor of the *Montreal Daily Witness*, John Dougall, Esq., for his kind attention in supplying members of Synod with copies of his newspaper, during this meeting.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the diet was closed with prayer.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE-STREET CHURCH,

Wednesday, June 12, 1861,—10 *o'clock, A.M.*

Synod constituted.

The Synod met, and was opened with praise, singing Psalm lxxii., from the middle of the 16th verse to the end. The Moderator read the 2nd Psalm, and constituted the Synod with prayer.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

Home Mission Committee to be appointed.

The Synod agreed that, as arranged last night, the Moderator proceed now to appoint the Committees on Home Missions, and on Theological Education, and also the Board of Management of Knox College, and the Senate of the same.

Principle of representation of Presbyteries to be recognized.

It was proposed and agreed to,—That in appointing the Committee on Home Missions, the principle of a representation of the whole Church on said Committee should, as far as practicable, be kept in view, and that the members thereof be selected from the several Presbyteries.

Home Mission Committee.

The Moderator then named and appointed the following Ministers and Elders, to constitute the Committee on Home Missions, namely:—Messrs. Alex. F. Kemp, Wm. Aitken, J. K. Smith, A. Wilson, John Laing, Dr. R. H. Thornton, Jas. Nisbet, Jas. Dick, Robert Torrance, Dr. R. Irvine, David Caw, John Scott, J. Ross, A. A. Drummond, Jas. Cameron, Ministers; J. C. Becket, John Durie, Joseph Reid, A. G. Northrup, Thomas Best, Wm. Heron, John McMurrich, A. D. Ferrier, Dr. C. McQuesten, Robt. Christie, Wm. Clark, Wm. Murray, Matthew Reid, David Christie, Elders. Mr. Reid, one of the Clerks of Synod, to be a member *ex officio* of the Mission Committee. Dr. Thornton to be the Convener.

Presbyteries to supply any vacancies in the Committee.

The Synod agreed to empower each Presbytery to supply any vacancies which may occur during the year in this Committee, and to name another member of Presbytery to take the place of any member of the said Committee in such Presbytery who may not be able to attend.

Special Committee on Theological Education.

The Moderator next proceeded to appoint the Special Committee on Theological Education, recommended in the Report of the Joint Committees, submitted last night, as follows:—The Moderator of Synod, Principal Willis, Dr. Thornton, Mr. Topp, Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. J. Laing, J. Ross; Principal Willis, Convener.

Board of Management of Knox's College.

The Board of Management of Knox College was appointed by the Moderator, as follows:—Principal Willis, Messrs. D. H. McVicar, Jas. Whyte, And. Melville, Patrick Gray, J. M. Roger, J. M. King, William Gregg, Dr. Thomson, Messrs. Arch. Cross, James Skinner, David Inglis, John Logie, William Doak, Thos. Stevenson, Alex. Topp, the Moderator of Synod (Dr. Taylor), Messrs. W. Reid, W. Fraser, J. J. A. Proudfoot, Dr. Ormiston, Mr. Alex. F. Kemp, Ministers; Messrs. J. Redpath, Ralph Smith, Sheriff Sherwood, Mr. Ballantyne, Chas. H. Morgan, W. Mitchell, J. McMurrich, Thomas Armstrong, W. S. Ball, Messrs. Arch. Young, Alex. Mitchell, Geo. Walker, John Cavan, W. Harkness, Elders.

Chairman.

The Synod appointed Mr. Topp to be Chairman of the Board.

Senate of Knox College.

The Synodical members of the Senate of Knox College were then appointed, as follows:—Dr. Jennings, Dr. Ormiston, Messrs. Gregg, Ure, J. M. King, John McTavish, Ministers; and John McMurrich, Esq., Elder.

Report of Committee on Fund for extraordinary expenses.

Mr. Kemp gave in a Report from the Committee to receive and disburse the moneys to meet the extraordinary expenses of this meeting of Synod, to the general effect that the fund amounted to $1000, and that the claims against the fund were somewhat above this amount; and that, certain expenses for printing and other matters being met, there still remained sufficient to enable the Committee to pay travelling expenses of members to the amount of seven-eighths of the sum claimed.

Report received, thanks tendered to Mr. Kemp and the Committee.

The Report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered to Mr. Kemp and to the Committee for their great diligence in this business.

Messrs. Court and Redpath appointed auditors.

The Synod appointed Messrs. Court and Redpath auditors, to examine the accounts of the Committee on the Fund for Extraordinary Expenses.

Report from Special Committee on Widows' Fund.

The Special Committee (appointed last night) on the Widows' Fund, gave in their Report, through Mr. Redpath, their Convener.

Report adopted.

Committee appointed.

On motion made and duly seconded, the Report was adopted; and, in terms of recommendation contained in the Report, a Committee was appointed to consist of the following persons:—Wm. Dunbar, J. C. Becket, Esq., Rev. Messrs. John Scott, J. R. Scott, J. M. King, Dr. Jennings, Mr. Kerr, Dr. Ormiston, Dr. McQuesten, Rev. William Inglis, Rev. R. Torrance, T. Sandilands, Esq., Rev. Messrs. William Walker (of Chatham), William Caven, J. Logie, Thomas Stevenson. The Committee to report at next meeting of Synod. Convener, Dr. Ormiston.

General Committee on Widows' Fund appointed.

The Synod proceeded next to appoint the General Synodical Committee for the Management of the Widows' Fund. The following persons were appointed to compose the Committee:—Messrs. Geo. Smellie, John Scott, D. Inglis, W. Reid, Dr. Irvine, Ministers; James Osborne, James Walker, Donald McLellan, G. Davidson, J. McMurrich, A. D. Ferrier, John Redpath, J. L.

Blaikie, C. S. Patterson, James Court, Esqs. Mr. J. Osborne (of Hamilton) to be Convener.

Application of Dr. Thornton on behalf of Pres. of Ontario for Assessors.

Dr. Thornton, on behalf of the Presbytery of Ontario, made application to the Synod, to appoint Assessors, to act with the Presbytery, in considering and deciding certain cases of importance, which had arisen in the former Presbyteries of Toronto, and of Cobourg, but which, by the new arrangement of Presbyteries, had been brought within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ontario, and which the Presbytery last named felt themselves unable rightly to dispose of without the assistance of assessors, as reqdested.

Application granted and Assessors named.

The Synod agreed to grant, as they do hereby grant, the application of the Presbytery of Ontario, and appoint Assessors, to act with the Presbytery in the cases referred to, as follows:

In the case of the Presbytery of Cobourg,—Messrs. J. Douglass, J. Wm. McKenzie, Wm. Blain, T. Andrews, J. Laing and Mr. Armstrong, Elder.

In the case of the Presbytery of Toronto,—Messrs. Topp, Ure, Gregg, Mitchell, Nisbet, Mr. J. McMurrich.

Report of Committee on Duties of Clerkship, &c.

The Committee on the Duties of the Clerkship; on an Agent for the Church Schemes; on the Ecclesiastical Record, and on Stated Collections, gave in their Report. The Report was read by Mr. Topp, the Convener.

Report received.

On motion made and seconded, the Report was received.

Home Miss. Com. to meet at half-past two o'clock.

Intimation was given that the Home Mission Committee would meet in the basement of this church at half-past 2 o'clock.

Committee on Bills and Overtures to meet.

Also that the Committee on Bills and Overtures would meet immediately.

Special devotional exercises with ref. to For. Miss.

It was agreed that the commencement of the afternoon sitting should be taken up with special devotional exercises with reference to a Foreign Mission.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at 3 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

TWELFTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE-STREET CHURCH,

Wednesday, June 12, 1861,—3 *o'clock, P.M.*

After prayer by Mr. Monteath, Synod constituted.

The Synod met, and was opened with praise, singing Psalm cxlv. 10–14. Mr. Monteath, at the request of the Moderator, led the Synod in prayer. The Moderator then pronounced the Synod to be constituted.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Synod engaged in devotional exercises, in reference to the subject of a Foreign Mission. The Moderator gave out for praise

Special devotion'l exercises with reference to Foreign Missions.

Psalm xcvi. 1–4, which being sung, at the call of the Moderator, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Clark, successively, offered up prayer. Again engaged in praise, singing Psalm cx. 1–3; after which prayer was offered by Mr. Ure, and Mr. Cross.

Subject of Foreign Mission again taken up. Amendment by Mr. McLaren.

The Synod took up now for consideration the subject of a Foreign Mission. Several members addressed the Synod on the subject before the house; after which a motion was submitted by Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. Drummond, as follows:

Resolved,—1. That this Synod pledges itself to engage in the work of foreign missions. 2. That a Foreign Mission Committee be appointed, and instructed to make inquiries in reference to the most eligible field for a foreign mission, and also to look out for suitable labourers to engage in the work, and to report to next Synod. 3. That this Synod proceed forthwith to select one or two missionaries for British Columbia.

Mr. Inglis withdraws his motion in favour of Mr. McLaren's.

Mr. David Inglis asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion on this subject which he had submitted, in favor of that of Mr. McLaren.

Amendment by Mr. Kemp.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. William B. Clark,—That this Synod agree to select and send out immediately a missionary to British Columbia, and undertake a mission to the Aborigines in the neighbourhood of the Red River; instruct also the Foreign Mission Committee (to be appointed) to correspond with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces as to their mission in Turkey, with the view of undertaking along with that Church a mission in that country, and sending a missionary there, if in the providence of God a suitable person can be found; give, further, full powers to this Committee to take all necessary action to constitute a Foreign Mission, and to carry it on with vigor.

Amendment by Mr. M. Y. Stark.

Moved in further amendment by Mr. Stark, seconded by Principal Willis,—That the Synod resolve to appoint a Committee to take into consideration the means of most effectively establishing a Foreign Mission, and the appropriation of the funds now at the disposal of the Synod for foreign missions. They further resolve to take immediate steps to send one or, if possible, two missionaries to British Columbia; and, moreover, to send a missionary to the Red River Settlement, with the view of strengthening the hands of Mr. Black, as well as of studying the Indian languages, so as ultimately to act as a missionary to the Indian tribes.

Previous motions withdrawn with permission of Synod.

Before taking a vote, the movers and seconders of all the motions preceding the last, asked and obtained the leave of Synod to withdraw the same. There was therefore no other motion than that of Mr. Stark before the house, which, being put from the chair, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Stark's motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Fisch introduced to Synod; agreed that he shall address Synod at 9.30 this evening.

Dr. Ormiston introduced to the Synod the Rev. Mr. Fisch, from the Union of Evangelical Churches in France, who requested permission to address the Synod on matters of interest to the Church with which he was connected; and, if such permission were granted, that the Synod should fix the time at which he should be heard.

The Synod agreed to hear Mr. Fisch at 9½ o'clock this evening.

Presbytery of Ontario to meet at 7¼ this evening.

It was announced that the Presbytery of Ontario would meet in this place at a quarter past 7 o'clock this evening.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet at half-past 7 o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

THIRTEENTH SEDERUNT.

MONTREAL, COTE STREET CHURCH,
WEDNESDAY, *June* 21, 1861, 7½ *o'clock, P.M.*

After prayer by Dr. Thornton the Synod constitu'd.

The Synod met and was opened with praise, singing Ps. cxvii. Dr. Thornton, by request of the Moderator, offered up prayer, and the Synod was then declared by the Moderator to be constituted.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and approved.

Statement by Dr. Thornton with reference to a balance in his hand for Fund for aiding Students.

Dr. Thornton stated that there was in his hands the sum of £68 15s. 0½d., being a balance of the Fund for aiding Students of Divinity of the late United Presbyterian Synod, and inquired in whose hands he should place the money, and to what Fund it should be applied. Dr. Thornton was instructed to pay over the money to Mr. Reid for the Bursary Fund.

Home Mission Committee obtain leave to retire.

The Committee on Home Missions asked and obtained leave to retire for the transaction of business during this sitting of Synod.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed,—

Address of condolence to be presented to Her Majesty the Queen.

That the Synod present an Address to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, condoling with her in the bereavement with which it has pleased Divine Providence to visit the Royal Family by the removal of Her Majesty's near and beloved relative, that distinguished and accomplished personage, the late Duchess of Kent, and containing the expression of our loyal and devoted attachment to Her Majesty's Throne and Government.

Committee to send official intimation of Union to other Churches.

On motion made and duly seconded, it was agreed,—That a Committee be appointed to send official information of the Union effected between the Synods and Churches now forming The Canada Presbyterian Church, and to open up friendly correspondence with the Free Church of Scotland, the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, the Presbyterian Church in England, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and the Presbyterian Church of NewBrunswick, and that a copy of the Articles of Union be sent to the several Churches with which this Synod shall correspond; the Committee to consist of the following: The Moderator of Synod, the Clerks of Synod, Mr. Gregg. The letters to be signed by the Moderator and Clerks of Synod.

Committee on Foreign Missions appointed.

The Committee on Foreign Missions was nominated and appointed as follows:—Messrs. Ure, Duff, R. F. Burns, McRuer,

McDonald, Lowry, D. McLean, W. J. McKenzie, Alex. Kennedy, J. B Duncan, Nat. Paterson, Wm. McLaren, D. H. McVicar, Skinner, Ministers; J. Redpath, J. C. Becket, D. McLellan, Chas. H. Morgan, Dr. McQuesten, W. Kerr (Brockville), J. Alexander, Peter Christie, Elders. Mr. R. F. Burns, Convener.

Address by Mr. H. Gordon.

As arranged by the Synod on Monday, Mr. H. Gordon, of Gananoque, delivered an address on Missions to the Roman Catholics.

Business of Foreign Missions resumed.

The Synod returned to the consideration of the Foreign Mission business.

Mr. J. Scott, of London, to be invited to go to Vancouver's Isl.

It was moved, duly seconded, and unanimously agreed to,—That the call of this Synod be presented, through the Moderator, to Mr. John Scott, of London, to undertake the mission to Vancouver's Island and British Columbia.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed, that only one Missionary be sent just now to British Columbia.

Committee to nominate Missionary for Red River.

The Synod agreed to leave the nomination of a Missionary to Red River to the Foreign Mission Committee.

Committee to select Missionary for Columbia in the event of Mr. Scott declining to go.

On motion of Mr. Caven, seconded by Mr. Topp, it was unanimously agreed.—That in the event of Mr. Scott declining to go to British Columbia, the Committee be authorised to find a Missionary from among the Ministers of this Church, with whom they shall be satisfied.

Com. on Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers appointed.

The Synod appointed the Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, as follows:—

Messrs. McTavish, Baird, King (of Columbus), Reid, McMurrich, Ferrier, Robert Christie, James Dalgleish, John Ratcliff. Mr. McTavish, Convener.

Mr. Fisch addresses the Synod

As agreed upon at the afternoon sederunt, the Rev. Mr. Fisch, of the Union of Evangelical Churches in France, addressed the Synod, conveying the Christian salutations of that Body to this Church, and setting forth the claims of the Church in France to the sympathy and aid of the Churches in this country.

Motion by Mr. Topp—thanks tendered to Mr. Fisch for his address.

On motion of Mr. Topp, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, it was resolved,—That the Synod having heard the Rev. Mr. Fisch, of the Temple Church, Paris, a Minister of the Union of Evangelical Churches in France, tender their thanks to him for the interesting address which he has delivered regarding the state and prospects of that Church, rejoice to hear of the prosperity which has attended its efforts, sympathise with them in the difficulties with which they have to contend, and authorise him to convey to the Union of Evangelical Churches in France the fraternal congratulations of this Church.

Motion carried—that all matters of business pending before the former Pres. may go on before the new Presbyteries.

On motion of Mr. Laing, seconded by Mr. J. K. Smith, the Synod resolved,—That in all matters of business, such as ordinations, licensing of students, resignations, &c., which were pending before the various Presbyteries of the Churches now united, the Presbyteries within whose bounds the parties concerned reside,

be empowered and instructed to dispose of such cases according to the laws of the Church.

Report of Committees on duties of Clerkship, stated collections, &c., adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, which was duly seconded, the Synod adopted, without amendment, the Report of the Committee on the duties of the clerks, Church agency, *Record*, and stated collections.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee the Synod appointed the stated collections as follows, viz.:—

For Synod Fund, on 3rd Sabbath of July.

For Widows' Fund, and Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, on 3rd Sabbath of October.

For Foreign Mission, on 3rd Sabbath of January.

For Home Mission, on 3rd Sabbath of April.

The Synod also recommend that a collection be taken up for the French Canadian Missionary Society, on 3rd Sabbath of September, or on any other convenient Sabbath.

The Synod also recommend that the Congregational contributions in behalf of Knox College should be taken up and forwarded in the course of the month of November, or as soon as possible.

Committee of Finance appointed.

The Committee of Finance was appointed by the Synod as follows:—Messrs. Topp, Gregg, Dr. Jennings, McMurrich, and Blaikie. Mr. McMurrich, Convener.

Committee on *Record*.

The Committee to consult with Mr. Reid as to the *Record* was appointed by the Synod, consisting of the under-named persons: Messrs. Topp, Gregg, Dr. Jennings, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, Mr. W. Fraser, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Alexander. Dr. Jennings, Convener.

Finance Commit. authorised to purchase 25 copies of Digest by Mr. Kemp.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod authorised the Finance Committee to purchase copies of the Digest, by Mr. Kemp, of the Proceedings of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, for the use of the Church, and to provide for the cost of the same out of the Synod Fund.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and the diet was closed with prayer.

FOURTEENTH SEDERUNT.

Montreal, Cote Street Church,
Thursday, *June* 13, 1861, 10 *o'clock*, *A.M.*

Synod constit'd.

The Synod met. The Moderator gave out for praise Ps. cxxxv., 1–5, and read the first chapter of the Epistle to the Colossians, 9th verse to the end, and then constituted the Synod with prayer.

The minutes of the last sederunt were read and sustained.

Committee on Buxton Mission appointed.

The Committee on the Buxton Mission was appointed as follows:—Mr. Thomas McPherson (Stratford), Dr. Ormiston, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Reid (of Toronto), Mr. King (Buxton), Ministers; Mr. Wm. Clark, Arch. McKellar, M.P.P., Elders—Mr. McPherson, Convener. The Committee to act in concert with the Presbytery of London.

Instruction to the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Kemp, and duly seconded and agreed to,—That the Committee be instructed to carry out any engagements into which former Committees may have entered, regarding the property at Buxton; and that other matters connected with this mission be remitted to the Home Mission Committee, along with the Presbytery of London.

Report anent Act of Parliament with reference to Congregational Property.

The Report of the Joint Committees on obtaining an Act of Parliament for securing the property of congregations after the Union in the same manner as it had been previously held, was given in by Mr. Kemp, the Convener.

Report received and adopted.

The Synod resolved to receive and adopt the report, approve the diligence of the Committee, and tender the thanks of the Synod to the Convener, Mr. Kemp; and further, record their thanks to the Hon. Mr. Mowat, and to Messrs. Day and McDonald, who have so kindly aided the Committee in preparing the Act, and in its passage through Parliament; and also that the Synod, in approving of this Act, declare at the same time that if any difficulties be found in carrying out its provisions, the Synod, on being informed thereof, shall take immediate measures to have the same amended.

Thanks recorded to Convener, also to Messrs. Mowat, Day & McDonald.

Overture with reference to Ministers' stipends.

There was read and received an overture from a number of Elders, members of the Synod, in relation to the stipend of Ministers, recommending that measures be adopted to raise the salaries of Ministers to at least a minimum of $600 per annum.

Overture receiv'd with satisfaction. Special attention pf Pres. directed to the matter.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to,—That the Synod receive with satisfaction the overture on Ministers' stipend from several Elders of the Church, specially urging the propriety of Presbyteries aiming at a stipend of at least $600 per annum; and, commending the importance of the subject to the welfare and efficiency of the Church, direct the special attention of the Presbyteries to it at one of their ordinary meetings, and instruct them to report to next meeting of Synod.

Overture with reference to Temperance.

An overture on Temperance was read from the table, praying that the Synod would give such a deliverance as might best conduce to the suppression of intemperance.

Resolutions moved with ref. to overture.

The following resolutions were moved by Mr. Nisbet, seconded by Mr. Campbell:

1. That the Synod deeply deplore the sad ravages of Intemperance in the Church and in the world, and earnestly exhort all the office-bearers of the Church to use their utmost endeavours, by doctrine and discipline, example and influence, to arrest and remove this widely extended and destructive vice.

2. That as the liquor traffic, as now legally conducted, tends directly to extend and perpetuate the evils deplored, it is expedient and neces-

sary that the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating drinks be placed under more effective and salutary restrictions; and the Synod hereby sanctions and approves all legitimate efforts to procure the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law in this Province.

3. That the several Presbyteries and Sessions of the Church are hereby recommended immediately to take such steps as in their judgment may seem most expedient and efficient for the suppression of intemperance, and for the maintenance of a pure and scriptural discipline on this matter in each of their respective congregations; and specially would the Synod affectionately dissuade all the members of the Church, and particularly the office-bearers, from engaging in any branch of the traffic.

4. That this deliverance be read from the Minutes publicly to each congregation.

Amendment by Mr. Kemp.

An amendment was submitted by Mr. Kemp, which was duly seconded, to the following effect:—That to the word "approves," in the second resolution, be added "any steps that may appear proper or legitimate for securing this desirable end," and all that follows be omitted.

Amend't. carried.

A vote was taken between the amendment proposed by Mr. Kemp and the resolutions as originally moved, when the amendment of Mr. Kemp was carried by a majority. The ayes, and nays were then taken on the resolutions as amended by the motion of Mr. Kemp, and the resolutions as so amended were carried unanimously.

Overture with reference to Sabbath Schools.

There was read and received an overture on Sabbath Schools, containing suggestions for more efficiently conducting the Schools, and requesting the appointment of a Committee of Synod on this important matter.

Overture remitted to a Commit.

It was moved and seconded, and agreed,—To receive the overture, and remit to a small Committee, with instructions to report on the whole subject of Sabbath Schools to next Synod; the Committee to consist of Messrs. W. McLaren, P. Gray, J. K. Smith, J. Scott (of Bath), Ministers; and Messrs. Becket and Northrup, Elders. Convener, Mr. McLaren.

Petition from Mr. J. Carruthers, Probationer.

Read and received a petition from Mr. J. Carruthers, formerly a probationer in the United Presbyterian Church, praying to be placed on the list of probationers, with a view of receiving appointments as a preacher.

Motion not to entertain Petition.

It was moved and seconded,—That the application of Mr. Carruthers be not, for the present, entertained.

Amendment. that application be laid before the Presbytery of the Bounds.

It was moved in amendment, and seconded,—That Mr. Carruthers be instructed to lay his application before any Presbytery of the Church within whose bounds he may be resident.

Amendment carried.

The amendment was carried by a majority, and the Synod decided in terms thereof.

Committee on state of Religion.

The Synod appointed a Committee on the State of Religion throughout the Church, as follows:—The Moderator of Synod (Dr. Taylor), Messrs. Kemp, McVicar, Lighthall, Becket and

Redpath; together with a corresponding member from each Presbytery, namely, Messrs. Crombie, J. K. Smith, Aitken, P. Gray, Roger, J. M. King, Dr. Jennings, Wm. Inglis, Torrance, Stevenson, Caven, Skinner, Dr. Irvine, J. Ross. Dr. Taylor to be Convener.

Committee on Statistics.

The Synod appointed a Committee on the Statistics of the Church, to consist of Messrs. J. Gray, W. Gregg, Torrance, A. Wilson, W. Fraser, and Dick, Ministers; Messrs. Dallas and McMurrich, Elders.

Instructions with reference to the printing of the Minutes.

The Synod ordered,—That the Minutes of Synod be printed; that the Minutes of the late Synods, composing this Synod, be printed, along with the Minutes of this Synod, and that they be stitched together and circulated therewith; that the Minutes be distributed in the proportion of three copies to each congregation; and that the Statistics of last year be attached to the Minutes of the Synod of The Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The Moderator to appoint a Sabbath day as day of special thanksgiving for Union and prayer for outpouring of the Spirit.

The Synod agreed to request the Moderator to appoint a Sabbath day, on which all the congregations of the Church shall be recommended, in their public and private devotions, to render special thanksgiving to God for the great blessing which He has bestowed, in the auspicious union now so happily consummated; and for the unity of spirit, and the great harmony which have eminently distinguished this the first meeting of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church; and earnestly to pray that the presence of her Great King and Head may be in all her assemblies, and with all her Ministers and people; that He would grant a plenteous effusion of the Divine Spirit on her field of labour, and render her greatly instrumental in the salvation of souls, to the praise of His glorious grace.

Modr. addresses the Synod.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, warmly thanking them for the courteous and kind support which had been accorded to him in discharging the duties of the Chair, and commending them to the grace of God.

Messrs. Skinner and Topp, at the request of the Moderator, successively offered up prayer.

Synod closed.

The Synod engaged in praise, singing Ps. cxxii., 6–9; after which the Moderator announced that the next ordinary meeting of Synod would be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday of June, 1862, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, and then closed the Session with the Apostolic Benediction.

WM. TAYLOR, D.D.,
Moderator of the Synod of The Canada Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM REID, WM. FRASER, } *Joint Clerks of Synod.*

APPENDIX.

No. 1.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES No. 1.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, having met, unanimously agreed to recommend that the Synod take up the business at present before it in the following order:

I. Report by Joint Committees—
1. On the arrangement of Presbyteries.
2. On the distribution of Missionaries.
3. On Home Missions.

II. Report by Joint Committees on Theological Education, and any subjects arising from the Report of the Board of Management connected with Knox College.

III. Report by Joint Committees on Act of Parliament for securing the property of congregations.

IV. Report by Joint Committees on Widows' Fund.

V. Foreign Missions.

Your Committee unanimously agree to recommend that a book be procured to keep a permanent record of the Committee of Bills and Overtures from year to year.

No. 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures beg leave to transmit the following papers:

1. Overture anent ministers' stipends, from the elders of the Synod.
2. Overture anent Sabbath Schools—transmitted, with recommendation to appoint a committee on Sabbath Schools, to consider and report to a future Synod.
3. Overture on the suppression of Intemperance.
4. Petition from Dr. Cairns, for employment as an ordained missionary.
5. Statement regarding Buxton Mission.
6. Memorial of Mr. W. Oliver, anent a Child's Sabbath paper, and a weekly paper in the interest of the Church.
7. Petition from Mr. J. G. Carruthers, formerly probationer of the U. P. Church, for employment by this Church.

The Committee recommend the following as the order in which the various matters shall be taken up by the Synod:

1. Report on Foreign Missions.
2. Report on Act of Parliament.
3. Overture anent Stipends.
4. Petitions from Dr. Cairns and J. G. Carruthers.
5. Buxton Mission.
6. Memorial of Mr. Oliver.
7. Overture anent Intemperance.
8. Overture anent Sabbath Schools.
9. Subject of Statistics.
10. State of Religion.

No. 3.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The Committees appointed by the two Churches respectively on Theological Education, having met together for deliberation, proceeded to consider the various matters which appeared to them to be embraced in the terms of their appointment, viz.: The different departments of study; the arrangement of them amongst the Professors; the length of the curiculum; the qualification of entrance, &c. Having considered these points fully and deliberately, your Committee are of opinion that it would be premature to propose, or make any changes till the united Church has had the opportunity of more carefully weighing the whole subject. It was therefore unanimously resolved, that the Committee jointly agree in the meantime to the following recommendations which they respectfully submit to the Church.

1. That for the present the existing Professors retain their respective Professorships.

2. That the preliminary classes be dispensed with, with the exception of the Logic and Philosophy Classes.

3. That the students of the Presbyterian Church of Canada retain their status as it is presently held,—and that the students of the United Presbyterian Church shall take their places in the Curiculum which have been assigned to them by that Church.

4. That a special Committee on Theological Education be appointed by the United Church to consider the whole subject; to consult with the Senate, if they deem it necessary, and to report to the meeting of Synod next June.

A. Topp, *Convener.*

No. 4.

REPORT ANENT WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund, after lengthened and careful consideration of the case submitted by the Synod, beg to report the following as the conclusion at which they have arrived, viz:—

We find that it will be necessary to raise a sum equivalent to £30 currency for each of the settled pastoral charges of the late United Presbyterian Church, whose ministers may avail themselves of the benefit of this valuable Fund; and the Committee accordingly recommend that said proportion be raised, by a special effort, by that branch of the Canada Presbyterian Church, by means of subscriptions and

collections. Further, that a small committee, consisting of members of this Synod, be appointed to correspond with Presbyteries, and endeavour, in conjunction with them, to secure that this recommendation be carried out. Upon the above condition being complied with all such ministers will be admitted upon the original rate to a participation of the benefit of the fund; that is to say, $8 per annum. Your Committee further recommend that the above effort be made forthwith, and that the opportunity now presented for entering into connection with the Fund be not extended beyond the meeting of Synod in June next; it being understood that a period of three years will be granted for raising the requisite amount, on a reasonable guarantee being given to that effect, so that ministers may not be precluded from joining forthwith. Should the obligation so incurred not be carried out, the interest in the Fund must of course be forfeited.

J. Redpath, *Convener.*

12th June, 1861.

No. 5.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLERKSHIP, &c.

The Committee on the Clerkship, &c., beg leave to recommend that Mr. Reid and Mr. Fraser be Joint Clerks, and that such be their title.

That the duty of Mr. Fraser shall be that of Recording Clerk; that is, he shall write the scroll minutes during the sittings of the Synod, and make up the Synod Roll: his salary to be $100.

That the duty of Mr. Reid shall be that of Engrossing and Corresponding Clerk; that is, he shall engross the Synod minutes, attend to the printing of the same, and take charge of necessary correspondence.

That Mr. Reid be appointed also as General Agent and Treasurer of the Church, and his title be accordingly; that he be appointed Manager of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

That the *Record* be continued, as at present, under the editorship of Mr. Reid; but its title shall be changed to that of the *Home and Foreign Missionary Record of the Canada Presbyterian Church;* that a committee be appointed to consider what changes in its form or objects may appear desirable, to report to the next Synod; also to consult with Mr. Reid as to the general affairs of the *Record.*

That the salary of Mr. Reid be $1,600; any required assistance to be at Mr. Reid's expense.

That collections be taken up throughout the Church for the following objects, viz.:—

For Foreign Missions, on the 3rd Sabbath of January.
For Home Missions, on the 3rd Sabbath of April.
For Synod Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of July.
For Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and Aged Ministers' Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of October.

That a collection for the French Canadian Missionary Society be recommended to be taken up on the 3rd Sabbath of September, or any other convenient day.

The Committee recommend that contributions for Knox College be taken up by congregations as early as possible, say November.

If the day appointed for any collection be inconvenient, a day as near as possible to such day shall be selected.

This arrangement is not understood as interfering with missionary organizations which may now or at any future time exist.

A. Topp, *Convener.*

No. 6.

OVERTURE ON MINISTERS' STIPENDS.

The undersigned, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian Church, beg respectfully to represent to the Synod now in Session, that they have had under consideration the question of the Stipends paid to Ministers of this Church, as recorded in the financial statements; and, after full deliberation, the undersigned are of opinion that the Stipends generally are much smaller than they ought to be.

The undersigned are aware that there are some localities in which Ministers require a much larger stipend for their maintenance than they do in others, and that it is neither necessary nor desirable to establish a uniform rate of stipend; but there are many Ministers of this Church whose incomes are barely sufficient for a mere existence, setting aside altogether the circumstances of comfort and respectability in which every minister ought to be placed. And not only are the Stipends inadequate, but, such as they are, many appear to be irregularly paid, as may be seen from the amount of arrears now due. To such cases as these more especially, the attention of the Synod is now respectfully drawn.

No one will dispute that it is essential to the success and efficiency of the Church, that its ministers should be placed beyond the anxiety and trouble which must necessarily arise from straitened worldly circumstances.

The undersigned would therefore respectfully recommend that the Synod should enjoin upon all Presbyteries to seek judiciously, wisely, and energetically, as far as possible to remedy the evil alluded to. The duty of contributing to the extent of its ability, as the Lord has prospered it,—first, towards the maintenance of its ministers in comfort and respectability; and secondly, towards the various schemes of the Church should be laid before every congregation.

Were this duty faithfully carried out, many cases of hardship would be removed and the Stipends would be greatly augmented throughout the Church.

The undersigned further recommend that in all new settlements the Presbyteries should aim at a minimum stipend of six hundred dollars, and that they should adopt such means as they deem advisable to insure its regular payment.

In reference to this matter also, it is desirable that correct statistical returns should be required from all Presbyteries.

(Signed), J. Redpath, J. McMurrich, and others.

Montreal, 11th June, 1861.

No. 7.

AN OVERTURE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Regarding the Sabbath School as emphatically the nursery of the Church, and that it is the bounden duty of every disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ to do what he can in fulfilment of His commands, the Synod would direct the attention of Churches and preachers within their bounds to the importance of gathering the youth into the Sabbath School, and that it should be a part of the duty of each minister to see that a Sabbath School is established in connection with each Church and preaching station of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and that if such is not practicable, and it would be considered more for the advancement of the cause of Christ, to unite with other evangelical brethren, that they be at liberty do so, so that this important means of Scriptural instruction may not be lost to the rising generation.

And for the purpose of more efficiently carrying out this measure, a Committee should be named to carry on the important work, whose duty it should be to prepare a uniform scheme of lessons for the use of the Schools, prepare Constitutions and Rules of Management, and, in such other way as circumstances might direct, generally to carry on this important work.

(Signed), John C. Becket, Robert Christie, and others.

No. 8.

AN OVERTURE ON THE SUPPRESSION OF INTEMPERANCE.

Whereas, the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is extensively and ruinously prevalent in the community, and is undeniably the prolific source of poverty, wretchedness, vice and crime;

Whereas, in numerous instances it is a fatal stumbling block to many members of our Christian congregations, and is the frequent occasion of much dishonor to the cause of Christ;

Whereas, also a faithful deliverance of the Synod on this subject could not fail to exert a wide-spread and salutary influence.

The undersigned overture the Synod, that at the present season, such a deliverance may be given as may conduce to this end.

(Signed), John C. Becket, William Heron, and others.

No. 9.

ACT WITH REFERENCE TO CONGREGATIONAL PROPERTY.

"*An Act respecting the Union of certain Presbyterian Churches therein named.*"

Whereas the Moderators of the Synod of the "Presbyterian Church of Canada," and "the United Presbyterian Church in Canada" respectively, by and with the authority of such Synods, have, by their petition, stated, that the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, have agreed to unite together and to form one body or denomination of Christians under the name of "The Canada Presbyterian Church;" And for the furtherance of this their purpose and to remove any obstruction to such Union, which may arise out of the present form and designation of the several trusts or Acts of Incorporation by which the property of the said Churches and of the several Congregations connected with the said Churches respectively, are held and administered or otherwise, and for the better administration of the said Trusts, the said Petitioners have prayed for certain Legislative provisions to be made in reference to the property of the said Churches and other matters affecting the same in view of such Union: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. As soon as the said Union takes place, all property, real, or personal, now belonging to, or held in trust for, or to the use of any Congregation in connection or communion with either of the said existing Churches, may thenceforth be held, used, and administered for the benefit of the same congregation in connection or

communion with the united Body, under the name of the Canada Presbyterian Church, or any other name the said Church may adopt.

2. Provided always, that where the Trust Deed or conveyance under which any property is held by or for the use of, or in trust for any congregation in connection or communion with either of the said existing Churches, sufficiently provides for the case of such a union as that agreed upon as aforesaid, and stipulates for any consent thereto by such congregation or the members or adherents thereof, or by any specified proportion of such congregation or the members or adherents thereof, nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the right of such congregation or the members and adherents thereof, in such behalf.

3. The names of "the Presbyterian Church of Canada" and "United Presbyterian Synod in Canada, (the latter being the said United Presbyterian Church in Canada) mentioned in the Act of the Provincial Parliament, sixteenth Victoria, chapter two hundred and sixteen, and intituled: *An Act for the relief of the Presbyterian Church of Canada as regards the keeping of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in Lower Canada,*" shall be taken and understood respectively to apply to the said united Body as soon as it shall have been formed, and all the provisions of the said Act, and all other Acts of the Provincial Parliament applicable to the said Churches respectively, whether in Lower Canada or in Upper Canada, shall equally apply to the said united Church so soon as the said intended union shall have been effected.

4. For the relief of certain of the said congregations so in connection or communion with the Churches aforesaid in this Province, whose Deeds of Trust heretofore executed, or Acts of incorporation heretofore obtained, made no provisions for the filling up from time to time of trusteeships vacant by death, removal from the Province, or resignation of trustees, and whose property is held under a conveyance to the Trustees and their heirs, or to the Trustees and their successors or otherwise, any such congregation may, from time to time, meet together, upon notice by the Minister, from the pulpit, or at the requisition in writing, of any ten persons entitled to vote as hereinafter mentioned, (notice of the day, hour and place of such meeting, in either case, being first publicly made in the church or place of meeting for public worship on two Sabbath days next before such meeting shall be held,) then and there by a majority of those present, and entitled to vote, to elect and appoint new trustees in the room of such trustees as shall have removed from the Province, resigned, or died, and thereupon the property of the congregation shall *ipso facto* become vested in such newly elected Trustees, and their successors to be appointed as aforesaid shall have full power and authority to hold and administer the trust or corporate property of such congregation; Provided, always, that the said newly elected trustees shall be members in communion with the said united body, and those entitled to vote, where there is no provision on the subject as aforesaid, shall be all persons who are members in communion with the said congregation and Church.

5. In case of deeds made to Trustees for a congregation in connection or communion with either of the said Churches more than twelve months ago, but not registered within twelve months after the execution thereof, such deeds shall nevertheless be valid if they have been registered before the passing of this Act, or if the same be registered within three months after the passing of this Act; but this enactment shall not give effect to such deeds against subsequent purchasers or mortgagees for valuable consideration without notice, who have registered or shall register their conveyances or mortgages before the registration of the said deeds to Trustees.

6. Conveyances heretofore made in Upper Canada to trustees and their successors for the use of a congregation in connexion or communion with either of the said churches, shall be deemed valid conveyances in fee, notwithstanding that the heirs of the trustees are not named, and notwithstanding that the manner of appointing successors is not provided in such conveyances.

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7. Trustees or other administrators of corporate or trust property of any congregation in connexion or communion with the said united Body may, with the consent of the congregation, or of a majority present of those entitled to vote at a meeting convened to consider the matter (as provided either by their trust deeds, or by section number four of this Act, for the election of trustees in case of vacancies, as the case may be) mortgage, sell, or exchange any real estate belonging to, or holden for the use, or in trust for the said congregation, for the purpose of repairing or securing the debt on any building thereon erected, or of erecting other or more suitable churches, manses, or glebes, or schools, in any other locality that they may deem best, or of purchasing other and more suitable churches, manses, glebes, or schools; provided nevertheless, that such mortgage, sale or exchange, be first sanctioned by the Presbytery under whose care such congregation is placed, and not otherwise, and provided further, that in Upper Canada this clause shall only apply where the Deed of Trust or Act of Incorporation contains no provision for mortgaging, selling, or exchanging for the purpose for which such mortgage, sale, or exchange is desired.

8. All other property, real or personal, belonging to or held in trust for the use of either of the said Churches, either generally or for any special purpose or subject, shall from the time the contemplated union takes place, and thenceforth belong to, and be held in trust for, and to the use in like manner of the united Body.

9. But all such property, real or personal, as is effected by this Act, shall in all respects, save as aforesaid, be held and administered as nearly as may be in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as provided by the Deeds of Trust, Acts of Incorporation, or other instruments, or authority under which the same is now held or administered.

10. Provided always, that nothing in the present Act contained shall be construed to impair or in any manner affect any rights or claims of the Church of Scotland or of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, or any congregation or any number or adherents of any congregaiion of the said Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, to any property acquired before the formation of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, or to any other property whatsoever.

11. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

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